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AUSTRALIA FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Senators: Woodside approval must not go through

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Dear Senator the Hon Murray Watt

While I am not a constituent in your electorate, I am a very concerned Australian wishing to send this important Leticion to you.

Congratulations on your success in the 2025 federal election. Labor's decisive result – winning 93 seats and holding a 50-seat margin over the Coalition – represents a clear and historic endorsement of the party's leadership and a firm rejection of the Coalition's ongoing inaction on climate policy (31.69% primary vote).

This outcome gives the Labor government a strong mandate to act decisively on the most urgent issue facing our nation: *climate change*.

We commend your recent initiative to support household battery uptake – a positive and necessary step towards a cleaner energy future. Many of us were swing voters, Greens supporters, and Voices-aligned independents. Across the country, communities worked hard during this campaign to elevate the climate crisis as a central issue, and it is clear that message resonated across the political spectrum.

Environmental concerns are now a unifying priority for a growing majority of Australians, as reflected in the strong support for climate-focused candidates and independents. While Labor secured 34.56% of the primary vote, it was second preference support from the Greens, independents, and climate-conscious voters (33.1%) that secured victory.

Source: <https://www.climatecouncil.org.au/resources/election-2025-unpacking-the-impact-of-climate-on-australian-voters/>

That support comes with a clear expectation: that climate and environmental integrity must now be at the core of government policy.

The consequences of climate change are no longer hypothetical. From extreme weather events like the recent NSW floods to the ongoing degradation of the Great Barrier Reef, Australians are witnessing the real and devastating impacts of inaction.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/may/25/australia-floods-droughts-climate-change-global-warming>

At a public forum in Geelong last year, Minister Chris Bowen stated that "Labor must proceed with caution on climate action to ensure electoral viability." That objective has now been achieved. Labor has won. It is time to lead – boldly and without delay.

We therefore urge you, and all Labor Members of Parliament, to use your voice and your vote to oppose any new fossil fuel developments – in particular, the proposed expansion of Woodside's North West Shelf gas project in Western Australia. Approving this expansion would directly contradict the government's stated climate goals and risk seriously undermining public trust in Labor's climate leadership.

While we welcome policies that promote household batteries and electric vehicles to reduce emissions, such advances will be severely undermined if major fossil fuel projects are simultaneously approved. These expansions will increase emissions. Australians are watching closely. After supporting Labor in record numbers, they expect real action – not compromise – in the fight against climate change.

We respectfully request that you speak up and vote against the Woodside expansion. Your leadership on this issue will be a critical test of the government's climate commitment and its moral responsibility to future generations.

Source: <https://www.acf.org.au/news/woodsides-burrup-hub-gas-disaster-will-undo-australias-climate-action>

Following the strong vote for climate leadership, will you – our representative in Canberra – speak and vote on our behalf against the expansion and extension of Woodside's North West Shelf gas project?

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Signed

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