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## AUSTRALIA FOR CLIMATE ACTION

### Call for responsible climate leadership

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Dear [Local Member],

The success that all Parliamentarians are now enjoying is a direct result of choices made by our community at the polling booth.

However, only three months after the election, many constituents are questioning their decision and the capacity of the Canberra collective to guide us toward a safer and more sustainable future. Many parliamentarians are still holding back on the action required, with some even working against it.

It appears that most parliamentarians are in fact on board with the climate science and understand the severity of this urgent problem. Hopefully you are one.

While there has been some progress in certain areas of government, in communities and in some corporations, surveys and polls show that a majority of your electorate is alarmed by the increasing climate disruption and environmental degradation we are witnessing.

This letter represents the voices of a growing number of people in your electorate who are deeply concerned about the deteriorating state of our air, oceans, and climate. It is clear that the commitments under the Paris Agreement are not being adequately followed or implemented.

The aftermath of the May election has left many of us in disbelief. We are asking: What will it take for Government to truly turn our rising emissions around and steer us toward a safer future?

#### **When will global CO2 levels reduce?**

The larger community can clearly see that the EPBC Act 1999 falls well short and needs to consider global CO2 levels and reducing scope 3 emissions. Global scope 3 emissions are affecting us all, whether emitted in Australia, Korea or Japan. Australia's increasing scope 3 emissions are destroying the Great Barrier Reef and the trees in Victoria's Alps. They are turning oceans acidic and sea levels to rise, and causing South Australia's algal bloom.

On 24 July 2025, the world's highest court, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), defined that climate inaction is not just irresponsible - it is unlawful. The Court confirmed that major emitters such as Australia have clear obligations under law. The ICJ has laid the groundwork for a new era of accountability, and Australia, like every other nation, must now answer to it. This is a seismic shift in global climate governance.

24 July 2025: International court puts Australia in the hot seat

<https://climatesafety.info/international-court-puts-australia-in-the-hot-seat/>

Europe's courts - The European Free Trade Association Court (EFTA) - have also recently drawn a firm line in the sand: oil and gas projects can no longer be approved without fully counting the climate damage they cause. Not just at the drill site, but all the way through to when the fuel is burned by consumers. If similar legislation was in place in Australia today, Woodside's Northwest Shelf extension, Viva's gas terminal in Geelong, and so many of the other fossil fuel projects currently in the planning-pipeline in Australia, would never be given the green light to go ahead.

11 June 2025: Court: If you dig it up, you own the damage

<https://climatesafety.info/court-if-you-dig-it-up-you-own-the-damage/>

Now that the noise of the election has faded, we ask you to explain why, after decades of promises, we continue to see rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels to now 429ppm (320ppm in the 1950's) and increasing global temperatures. These changes are not abstract. They are directly contributing to more frequent droughts, floods, and other extreme weather events, all of which feed into the worsening cost-of-living crisis. Essential goods like food and insurance are becoming increasingly unaffordable and now beyond many people.

Please understand that this message comes from a place of care for our community, our environment, and future generations.

As your constituents, we would like to know:

- As our representative, will you vote against opening more and more fossil fuel project in Australia?
- Which steps are you personally taking, in Canberra to address this urgent concern of your constituents?
- Can we expect a meaningful response from you, truly addressing this CO<sub>2</sub> problem?

Thank you for taking the time to consider our questions and coming back to us very shortly.

Yours sincerely,

31 May 2025: Australia approved Woodside's gas project until 2070. How could it happen?  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-05-31/woodside-north-west-shelf-approval-did-not-consider-climate/105347716>

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