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Inquiry into Environment Protection (Fossil Fuel Company Advertising) Amendment Bill 2024

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in support of the Environment Protection (Fossil Fuel Company Advertising) Amendment Bill 2024, which would ban advertising that publicises or promotes fossil fuel companies at major sporting venues in the ACT.

I represent the Canberra group of Parents for Climate. We are a group of local parents, grandparents and carers who work together to advocate for urgent action on climate.

Our kids and grandkids learn to swim at the AIS, attend school holiday programs at the Canberra Tennis Centre, play baseball at Narrabundah Ballpark, cheer the Canberra Raiders at GIO Stadium and support the GWS Giants at Manuka Oval. We involve our kids in these activities to teach them about healthy lifestyles, teamwork, and being part of a community.

We are proud to be part of the Canberra community, and proud of the progressive steps the ACT has taken to do our bit to reduce carbon emissions. Unfortunately, fossil fuel companies do not appear to be on the same team. While the climate change experts at ANU tell us that our carbon emissions need to peak this year, fossil fuel companies are maintaining or expanding their operations.

A community bands together when things get tough and makes sure no one is left behind - but supporting fossil fuel companies by providing an avenue for their advertising tells our kids that their community is willing to compromise their future for the right price. We don't want this to be the lesson our kids learn from participating in sport in the ACT.

The ACT has led the nation with its climate policies. Limiting opportunities for fossil fuel company advertising reflects best practice policy, as outlined in the most recent IPCC Assessment Report, and is a logical next step. Doing so is a recommended action for cities who have endorsed the call for a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty, which the ACT Government did in 2021.

With this in mind, in addition to supporting the Environment Protection (Fossil Fuel Company Advertising) Amendment Bill 2024, we further support and encourage extending the ban to all ACT Government owned infrastructure and sponsored events.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any further information.

Kind regards,

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Canberra Parents for Climate Representative

About Parents for Climate

Parents for Climate represents over 20,000 parents, grandparents and carers from across Australia. We are Australia's leading organisation for parents advocating for a safe climate. Our supporters are from across the political spectrum, across all Australian electorates, and from varied socio-economic positions. We seek non-partisan responses to climate change and its impacts.

We advocate for Australian governments and businesses to take urgent action to cut Australia's carbon emissions to net zero as quickly as possible. We encourage Australia to take a leadership role on the world stage, leading by example and calling for other nations to take the necessary action to protect our children's futures.

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