



Shane Rattenbury MLA

Attorney-General

Minister for Consumer Affairs

Minister for Water, Energy and Emissions Reduction

Minister for Gaming

Member for Kurrajong

21/824

Mr Adam Bandt MP

Leader of the Australian Greens

PO Box 6022

House of Representatives

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr ~~Bandt~~, *Adam*

I write to you following the Conference of the Parties 26 (COP26) climate summit in Glasgow. This meeting was hailed as the last chance to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement and avoid a climate catastrophe. In recognition of the urgency of the challenge, it was agreed that countries would come back next year to submit stronger 2030 emissions reductions targets to close the gap to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

On 11 November 2021, the ACT Legislative Assembly passed a resolution on climate action which endorsed actions for the ACT Government to support the phase out of fossil fuels. The resolution also called on each ACT Party Leader to write to their Federal counterpart to urge them to take action on climate change. As such, I am writing to you as the Greens Federal Parliamentary Leader to urge you to commit to:

- recognise and declare that we are in a climate emergency and need a rapid and just transition to net zero emissions for a stable climate;
- legislate interim targets for 2030 and 2040 on the path to net zero emissions that align with meeting the goal of the Paris Agreement;
- immediately cease new fossil fuel exploration and rapidly phase out the extraction, export and use of coal and fossil gas;
- end public subsidies to coal and gas exploration, extraction and processing;
- set a national target of achieving 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030;

ACT Legislative Assembly London Circuit, GPO Box 1020, Canberra ACT 2601



+61 2 6205 0005



rattenbury@act.gov.au



@ShaneRattenbury



shanerattenburymla



shanerattenbury

- set a national zero emissions transport policy that is consistent with the 2030, 2040 and net zero emissions targets; and
- ensure that Australia fulfills all targets and commitments made on behalf of Australia at COP26.

I am aware that the Australian Greens have already made strong commitments and in some cases have set more ambitious goals than these requests. I commend the Australian Greens for taking the climate emergency seriously, leading the way on climate change policy and campaigning, and continuing to advocate for an end to fossil fuels and a rapid transition to a zero emissions economy.

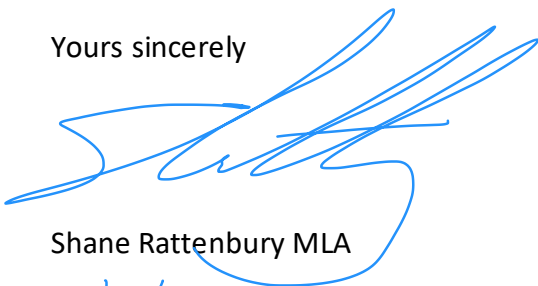
The ACT Government is committed to climate action. We are a small jurisdiction but a global leader on climate action, driving change beyond our borders. In 2019 the ACT Legislative Assembly declared a state of climate emergency, and in 2021 called for a treaty to end the proliferation of fossil fuels.

The ACT has a net zero emission targets legislated for the year 2045 and is committed to reach this through ambitious interim targets, including a 65 – 75% reduction from 1990 levels by 2030. From 2020 the ACT has been powered by 100 percent renewable electricity and has committed to phase out fossil gas.

The ACT has made great progress to date, but as you are aware we could do much more if the Federal Government implemented strong national policies to cut emissions and support action by states and territories.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these commitments further and how we can continue to work together for stronger national policies for a rapid decarbonisation of our economy.

Yours sincerely



Shane Rattenbury MLA

21/12/21