



PRIME MINISTER

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Ms Elizabeth Lee MLA
ACT Liberal Leader
Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory
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Dear Ms Lee

Thank you for your letter dated 20 December 2021 regarding the ACT Legislative Assembly's resolution on climate change.

My Government is taking a responsible, technology-driven approach to tackling climate change. Prior to attending COP26, I was pleased to release our Long-Term Emissions Reduction Plan setting out a credible pathway to net zero emissions by 2050. The Plan preserves existing industries, establishes Australia as a leader in low emissions technologies, and positions our regions to prosper.

Australia will continue to reduce emissions while keeping our economy growing, maintaining affordable, reliable energy and ensuring our regions remain strong, and we expect the average Australian to be around \$2,000 better off in 2050 under our plan than without it.

I welcome the ACT's action to reduce emissions to net zero by 2045. As a service-based economy, the ACT can achieve a more rapid transition to a net zero economy than would be achievable, or appropriate, in other jurisdictions. I look forward to working with the ACT and other jurisdictions to build a portfolio of technologies that ensure Australia achieves net zero by 2050 in a way that creates jobs and strengthens our regions, rural communities, and our agriculture, transport, and mineral and manufacturing sectors.

Please pass on my thanks to the Canberra Liberals for your ongoing commitment to climate action.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Morrison', written over a white background.

SCOTT MORRISON