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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**RESPONSE TO ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION OF 11 NOVEMBER 2021 REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE
AND COMMITMENTS – LETTER FROM ANDREW BARR MLA TO HON ANTHONY ALBANESE MP**

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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Leader of the Australian Labor Party
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Dear Mr Albanese,

I write to you following the Conference of the Parties 26 (COP26) climate summit in Glasgow. This meeting was hailed as the world's last chance to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement and avoid a climate catastrophe.

In recognition of the urgency of the climate challenge and in the interests of strengthening our 2030 emission reduction targets, I write to you seeking your commitment to:

- recognising and declaring 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 goals 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;
- 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.

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The ACT is committed to climate action. 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 target 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 fuel gas.

The ACT has made great progress to date and yet recognises it could do much more if the Federal Government implemented stronger national policies to cut emissions and support action by states and territories.

I welcome your commitment to reduce national emissions by 43 per cent by 2030 and to achieving net zero emissions by 2050. I encourage you to continue to drive ambitious action on climate change in the Federal Parliament.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister

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