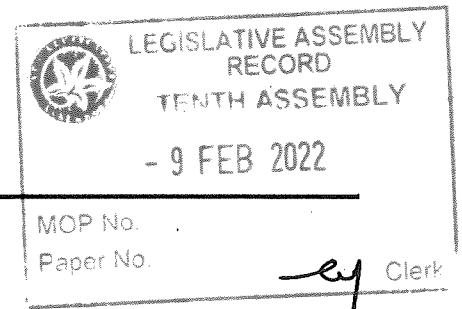




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The Hon. Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

NOTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION OF THE ACT LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The Canberra Liberals have always had a strong position on climate action and protection for our natural environment in the ACT. It was a Canberra Liberals government in 1997 that became the first sub-national government to sign up to the Kyoto Protocol and we have a proud history of practical and tangible policies to reduce waste, protect our wetlands, woodlands and grasslands. In more recent years, the Canberra Liberals committed to 100% renewable energy and net zero emissions by 2045.

Canberrans care deeply about our environment and want to see our elected representatives take leadership in taking action on reducing our emissions. We are ambitious for our environment, and we want to see accountability and transparency with clearly defined measures to achieve our targets. We have tried to work in a tripartisan approach with the governing parties in the ACT to address these challenges locally.

I will continue to work with the ACT Government to reduce emissions and do everything we can to achieve our shared goal of net zero emissions by 2045 at the Territory level. I will continue to work with the ACT Government and our colleagues across the border and at the federal level to contribute to reducing emissions nationally and internationally.

I acknowledge your commitment to net zero emissions by 2050 while preserving Australian jobs and generating new opportunities for industries and regional Australia. It is an important step for our country in providing certainty to industries and a commitment to the international community that Australia takes responsibility for our part in working together to find a global solution for a global issue.

Recently, I was privileged to be part of the delegation from Australia comprised of Federal and State elected representatives to attend COP26 in Glasgow with the Coalition for Conservation. This visit was a great opportunity to learn from other governments across the UK, the US and Canada (from both sides of politics) about how they are addressing this global challenge.

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At COP26, I was also able to catch up with Sophia Hamblin-Wang, COO of Mineral Carbonation International, a fellow Canberran, and learn more about her work in emerging technology around reducing carbon emissions. I know you have also been a big supporter of Sophia and are very excited about the work she is doing in reducing our emissions. I was also impressed by the international community's excitement about Australia's potential to be a leader in emissions reduction technology particularly in offshore wind and battery technology.

I believe Australia is at an important point in history to make a real difference to a carbon neutral future for the next generation. I look forward to being able to work with you and our colleagues – both federally and at the Territory level – to achieve net zero emissions over the next few decades and to growing Australia's economic prosperity in harnessing the huge potential for investment, jobs and growth in this important pathway forward.

The enclosed resolution which was passed by the Assembly on 11 November 2021 requires me as Leader of the Canberra Liberals to table in the Assembly by the first sittings of 2022, my letter to you as Federal Leader of the Liberal Party and your response. The resolution sets out at paragraph 3 the specific issues for your consideration.

The first sittings of the Legislative Assembly will be from 8-10 February 2022.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,



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