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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 MINISTER FOR WATER, ENERGY AND EMISSIONS
REDUCTION TO HON ANGUS TAYLOR MP**

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Minister for Industry, Energy and Emissions

Parliament House

CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Angus

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 me to write to you as the Commonwealth minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction 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;
- 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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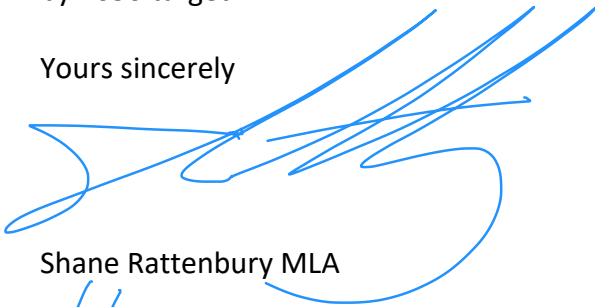
The ACT Government is committed to climate action. We are a small jurisdiction but a global leader on climate action, driving change beyond our borders. In 2019 the ACT Legislative Assembly declared a state of climate emergency, and in 2021 called for a treaty to end the proliferation of fossil fuels.

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 fuel gas.

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

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these commitments and how we can work together for a rapid decarbonisation of our economy and a strategic pathway to meeting our net zero emissions by 2050 target.

Yours sincerely



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