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Dear Lord Mayor

Thank you for your letter to the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Sussan Ley MP, concerning action on climate change. Your correspondence has been referred to me as it falls under my responsibilities as the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction.

The Commonwealth Government is committed to reducing emissions to 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. This target is achievable and responsible, and represents one of the most ambitious reductions in per capita emissions and emissions per unit of GDP among developed countries while ensuring our economy will continue to grow and prosper.

The Government has a comprehensive set of policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency and fast track the development and uptake of clean energy. Building on existing measures, in February this year the Government announced a Climate Solutions Package. The Climate Solutions Package is a \$3.5 billion investment that has mapped out, to the last tonne, how we will achieve the final 328 million tonnes of abatement needed to meet our 2030 Paris target. The Package includes a \$2 billion Climate Solutions Fund to build on the success of the Emissions Reduction Fund (ERF) and continue our investment in low-cost abatement.

The ERF supports activities to reduce emissions across our economy, including growing trees to store carbon and remove it from the atmosphere, storing carbon in the soil and better fire management in northern Australia. This supports businesses, communities and farmers across Australia to try new practices and technologies that increase productivity, reduce greenhouse gases and combat climate change.

The Climate Solutions Package also includes funding to develop a National Strategy for Electric Vehicles, which will address barriers to uptake so that Australians who choose to adopt new technologies are supported in doing so. The Government has already made a number of targeted investments in charging infrastructure, including along interstate highways connecting our major capital cities.

The Government is working to improve energy efficiency by reducing the energy used in appliances, equipment and buildings. This will reduce energy costs for households and businesses. We are also supporting renewable generation technology and funding research into new technologies.

In 2018, Australia led the world in per capita investment in clean energy, with more than double the investment of countries like the United Kingdom, Germany and France. This is an achievement of which Australians can be proud.

Australia is currently in its 28<sup>th</sup> year of economic growth and emissions per person are at their lowest levels in 29 years. The Government's policies will seek to ensure that while Australia reduces its emissions, the economy continues to grow.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely

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