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MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION

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Councillor Clover Moore
Lord Mayor
City of Sydney
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Dear ~~Lord Mayor~~ *Clover*

Thank you for your letter to the Minister for the Environment in relation to action on climate change. I am responding as the matter falls under my responsibilities as the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction.

The Liberal National Government is committed to taking real and meaningful action to reduce 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 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 Government is also 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.

You might be interested to know that there are many practical ways local councils can take real and meaningful action to reduce their carbon emissions. One such example is to limit unnecessary air travel.

Given your most recent Annual Report shows your Council spent \$1.7 million on international travel, and \$14.2 million on domestic travel, there is a real opportunity for your Council to make a meaningful contribution to reducing Australia's emissions.

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

Yours sincerely



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