

## Signatories to PRRT Open Letter

*To the Australian Government*

*Local governments bear enormous costs from the impact of fossil fuels on our climate, including sea level rise and the aftermath of increasingly frequent and extreme fires, floods, storms and heatwaves.*

*However, local governments are the least resourced level of government to cope with the increasing costs of addressing climate impacts, such as maintaining infrastructure and services after climate disasters.*

*Meanwhile, multinational oil and gas corporations exporting gas – a dangerous fossil fuel – from Australia are fuelling climate change but pay none of the costs of the damage their emissions cause.*

*These companies make windfall profits, while many pay no petroleum resource rent tax (PRRT), receive the gas they export for free, pay little or no company tax, and benefit from taxpayer subsidies.*

*Increasing the PRRT collected from fossil fuel companies making windfall profits offers an opportunity to redress this balance. Taxing fossil fuel companies more to pay for the climate damage they cause can secure funding for local governments to cope with the impacts of climate change.*

*We call on the Australian Government to ensure the PRRT changes collect an additional \$10 billion annually to assist Australian local governments with climate impact funding.*

Clover Moore AO, Lord Mayor of the City of Sydney

Gordon Bradbery AM, Lord Mayor of Wollongong City Council

Karen Redman, Mayor of the Town of Gawler

Philippa Veitch, Mayor of Randwick City Council

Chris Cherry, Mayor of Tweed Shire Council

Julia Meldrum, Shire President of Augusta Margaret River

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Tom Crook, Mayor of East Gippsland Shire Council

Edward Crossland, Mayor of the City of Yarra

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