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Submission No.27  
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Mr Kelvin Thomson MP  
Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Thomson *[Handwritten signature]*

Thank you for your letter of 3 July 2008 regarding various treaties under consideration by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties:

- *Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change*
- *Headquarters Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Secretariat to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels*

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Prime Minister, Minister for Climate Change and Water and the Australian Government for ratifying the Kyoto Protocol. Ratification is a significant and long overdue step forward and tangibly demonstrates the Australian Government's commitment to tackling climate change.

Although the ACT is a small contributor to global greenhouse gas emissions responsible for about 1.2% of Australia's emissions, we are committed to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to help Australia meet its Kyoto Protocol obligations. My Government has set a target reduction of 60 per cent of year 2000 emission levels by 2050 as part of the *ACT Climate Change Strategy 2007-2025*.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on these international agreements.

Yours sincerely

Jon Stanhope MLA  
Chief Minister

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