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Hon R. D. Marles MP  
Member for Corio  
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We beg you and the PM to address the urgent letter below.

Dear Mr Morrison,

Thank you for your replies on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to ADAC- A Different Approach Community and to Mr Mike Middleton's letter of 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020. We have written to you and the 226 other federal parliamentarians every month of last year, urging parliament to focus on a more ambitious target for emissions reduction. We are not inner city dwellers, but we believe that they have as much right as anyone else to expect their government to heed the scientific evidence of climate change and to act accordingly in the interests of our children and their children.

As we all await the outcome of Zali Steggall's bill we are disappointed that the Hansard from the last Climate Change bill 2020 committee meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021, chaired by Mr Ted O'Brien, indicates that the government has not directed its own Climate Change Authority to produce any reports for 2020, or so far for 2021, on the costs of emissions reduction or the costs of inaction. A transition to renewable energy is inevitable with the reserves of fossil fuel finite. It will be catastrophic if the transition is so slow that much of the planet becomes uninhabitable as a result.

We are concerned that Australia is fast becoming an international pariah because of its unwillingness to address the issues that are already obvious and are being tackled with much more determination by other countries. We fear for the people of the Torres Strait and other Pacific Islanders. We fear that the international community, including the EU, will impose export carbon tariffs on Australian products to punish us for our lack of decisive action. It will be a sorry state for our democracy if the only way our citizens feel they can have a voice is to work through other countries' governments to put pressure on our government to change its approach.

With our 2021 parliamentary letters, starting this year in April, we now not only ask but beg you to listen to the science, for your children and all of our children. If our federal government joins our state governments in exercising a duty of care towards future generations, there will be a rebuilding of trust. We need a costed, balanced, measured, calibrated, well-designed strategy and targets to navigate our way forward.

Kind Regards

From all at ADAC and our most concerned members.

Robert Patterson and Mike Middleton ADAC convenors