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Mr Ted O'Brien,  
Member for Fairfax, Qld.  
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Maroochydore, QLD, 4558

Dear Ted O'Brien,

During his visit to the United Kingdom to attend the G7 forum, Prime Minister Morrison made it clear that there is a global struggle to protect democratic processes in the face of growing authoritarian threats.

Democracy in action is well demonstrated by Zali Steggall's private Member's Bill, Climate Change 2020, encouraging the formation of a non-partisan and expert group to advise the Australian Parliament on effective ways of responding to the threats of climate change. Submissions from Australians following the Climate Change Bill's first reading numbered 6,500 of which 97% supported the thrust of the Bill. Last year ADAC gained endorsements from 34 climate groups, with a total of 39,000 subscribers/members, in support of the Bill. As we make contact with further organisations we find overwhelming support for the Bill.

The sincerity of the Prime Minister's plea for democratic principles will be gauged by the willingness (or otherwise) of the Government to at least debate the Bill in parliament. A quashing of the Climate Change Bill 2020, prior to the Second Reading will signal a setback, not just for action on climate change, but for this government's commitment to the democratic principles the Prime Minister espouses.

Yours Faithfully.

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