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Hon Kevin Andrews MP  
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Dear Hon Kevin Andrews MP

While the pandemic has dominated the news during the past 18 months, a much longer term and critical issue has been emerging. There have been unprecedented floods in Europe and in China, catastrophic landslides in Japan, and wildfires in north west USA sparked by record high temperatures. Science is telling us that events such as these are becoming more frequent and more severe. It is also telling us that significant areas of the planet are becoming uninhabitable and that rising sea levels will cause salinity to invade large tracts of the world's food-providing deltas and river flats. The implications for national security are obvious.

Typical of other reports, the 2021 Sustainable Development Report scores Australia last out of 193 United Nations member countries for action taken to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions. Our nation's failure in this area is now obvious to other nations. This means that the economic costs of disasters such as last summer's bush fires are likely to be increased by sanctions imposed on us by other countries. The United States and the European Union have both signalled an intention to apply carbon tariffs on countries that do not have aggressive climate change policies.

Zali Stegall's **Climate Change (National Framework for and Mitigation) Bill 2020** has become symbolic of the Australian Parliament's stance on climate change. The refusal even to debate the Bill will demonstrate to the Australian people the abject failure of this parliament to address the greatest long term planetary challenge humanity has ever faced.

We appeal to members of the House of Representatives and the Senate to see this as an issue much bigger than politics and party loyalties. Each of you is accountable for decisions that will affect the lives and the livelihoods of future generations.

Yours Faithfully.

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