

To whom it may concern,

I write to register my concern about recent extreme weather events and the connection of these events to climate change. The overwhelming scientific consensus is that the planet is warming as a result of human induced climate change, through actions that generate substantial amounts of carbon dioxide, such as the burning of fossil fuels.

Climate change will result in increasing numbers of extreme weather events and, in particular, extreme heat. This, in turn, costs our economy as we spend funds on emergency response, reconstruction efforts, health services, etc.

I encourage the Australian Government to proactively address this issue by investing now in transforming our economy to one based on sustainable, non-polluting energy technologies through investment in R&D, an increasing price on carbon, incentives for investment in renewable energy technologies, and penalties for those companies who refuse to make the transition.

Regards,

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