

I fully support an Inquiry into our preparedness for extreme weather. I believe that all moneys spent to prepare for and to mitigate extreme weather must be considered an investment and not an expense.

I have invested in solar power and hot water heating at my home. I also installed a rainwater tank connected to my toilet. Two weeks ago my tank ran dry for the first time since its installation in 2010.

I call for the inquiry to recommend the immediate phasing out of all Government subsidies to damaging, extractive industries such as mining, aluminium smelting and logging.

This would buy us all time to successfully build new business models that do not add to the damage we do to the environment's capacity to moderate weather events.

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