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Dear Committee,

I submit that Australia should move to ratify the Paris Agreement immediately for the following reasons:

1. Scientific consensus indicates that the world potentially faces a climate emergency;
2. Urgent action is therefore required to reduce emissions;
3. Australia is wealthy country, an extremely bad polluter on a per capita basis and has only proposed very modest carbon reduction targets; and
4. In view of the above matters it is imperative that Australia steps up to the plate by ratifying the Paris agreement promptly to set a good example and to ensure that the Paris Agreement comes into force.

Please acknowledge receipt of my submission.

Yours sincerely,

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