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To who is may concern,

If we have learnt anything from the dramatic events of the past 8 weeks it is that we surely cannot keep funnelling toxic emissions into the atmosphere without it effecting our weather for generations to come. We've had years of drought followed by large scale bush fires, floods on a scale not seen for decades and now a cyclone that knows no parallel. To use an analogy we are down the coal mine, the canary is dead and we are still digging blindly. This has to be the time for ceasing any further exploitation of our natural resources for both for national and international interests. Let us instead channel this enthusiasm into clean, renewable energy sources. Please do not direct money away from these sectors as we look to rebuild our communities. This is the opportunity for a change in direction before it is too late and we need to grasp it with both hands. Coal will only short change us in the long run as we are now witnessing. I don't recall any inquiries into coal mines affecting local communities and no doubt if they were they'd be pretty quickly discarded. Please do not sacrifice the future aspirations of generations to come by selling out to powerful lobby groups intent on short term profiteering. This should be the gift we leave the next inhabitants of this planet, and not a legacy that we will never be forgiven for. I strongly support the chance to make better use of renewable such as wind power and would endorse any further endorsement of this, and any other renewable energy sources.

**Kind Regards**

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