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Dear Minister Wong,

re: Copenhagen Climate Negotiations – pre-COP meeting

I am writing from the Climate Action Network Australia, the peak non-government body on climate change. We represent over 65 non-government organisations in Australia, listed overleaf. CANA is the Australian arm of Climate Action Network International, which is represented in over 80- countries.

The upcoming pre-COP meeting in Copenhagen provides an opportunity to set the Copenhagen negotiations on a path towards a successful outcome. We urge you to play a positive role in ensuring that the pre-COP meeting sets the highest level of ambition for the upcoming 15th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Negotiators have not made the technical progress that they should have within the negotiations. But sufficient progress has been made to ensure that the Copenhagen COP successfully agrees the core elements of a climate deal. A successful outcome at Copenhagen is there for the taking – what it requires is for key politicians, such as yourself, to inject the much needed political will.

The world's public will judge failure harshly – and yet the rewards of success, and high levels of ambition, are many and include new green industries and green jobs. Failure at Copenhagen is not an option if we are to secure the future of the vulnerable small island developing states, least developed countries and African States.

The essential elements of a Copenhagen deal are:

- Two legally binding outcomes: a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol; and a complementary agreement with comparable action and enforcement for the United States, and action from developing countries.
- Deep, legally binding emission reductions by developed nations at least 40% below 1990 levels by 2020, most of which should be met through domestic emissions reductions.
- Adequate and predictable funding from developed countries to enable developing countries to follow a low-carbon growth path and cope with the impacts of climate change. The 2009 World Economic and

Social Survey estimates \$500bn per year is needed, at least \$150-200 billion of that must be public finance, provided through mechanisms that guarantee its delivery, such as the auctioning of international emission allowances.

- A comprehensive system of technology cooperation that delivers sustainable development, enables poverty reduction and ensures access to sustainable energy services for all. A Technology Cooperation Mechanism set up under the UNFCCC responsible for establishing and implementing a Global Technology Objective and Technology Action Programs at a global and national level are essential to ensuring that sustainable development is achieved.
- A global Adaptation Action Framework that massively increases support to vulnerable developing countries so they can adapt to climate change, reduce vulnerabilities and build resilience against, and manage loss and damage from, the now unavoidable impacts of climate change.
- A formal commitment to continually and rapidly adjust world climate change action in line with the latest findings of science, embodied within 5 year commitment periods and binding scientific reviews.

Again, we urge you to play a positive role in the pre-COP 15 to set the highest level of ambition for the Copenhagen negotiations.

Please contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,



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Climate Action Network Australia member organisations

CANA's member organisations include:

Environment and Climate Organisations (international)

- Climate Action Network - Global
- Friends of the Earth
- Greenpeace Australia Pacific
- The Pew Charitable Trusts
- WWF - Australia

Environment Organisations (national)

- Australian Conservation Foundation
- Australian Marine Conservation Society
- Australian Student Environment Network
- The Wilderness Society

Environment, Human Rights and Youth Organisations

- The Australia Institute
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition
- GetUp!
- National Toxics Network

Aid and Development Organisations

- Aidwatch
- Caritas Australia
- Jubilee Australia
- Oxfam Australia
- Tear Australia
- World Vision Australia

Faith-based Organisations

- Australian Religious Response to Climate Change
- Catholic Earthcare Australia
- Edmund Rice Centre
- Sisters of the Good Samaritan
- Sisters of Mercy - Earth Link
- Uniting Church, The Justice and International Mission
- UnitingJustice Australia

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Organisations

- Australian & New Zealand Solar Energy Society
- Moreland Energy Foundation
- Urban Ecology Australia

Trade Unions

- Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union (LHMU)

Legal and Research Organisations

- ClientEarth (Australia)
- Climate change research cluster, School of Health and Social Development, Deakin University
- Environmental Defender's Office New South Wales (Ltd) (Assoc. Member)
- Institute of Environmental Studies, University of NSW
- Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney (Assoc. Member)

Environment Organisations (state-based)

- Cairns and Far North Environment Centre
- Conservation Council of South Australia
- Conservation Council of the ACT and Region
- Conservation Council of Western Australia
- Environment Centre of the Northern Territory
- Environment House
- Environment Tasmania
- Environment Victoria
- Sustainable Living Tasmania
- Total Environment Centre

Environment Organisations (regional)

- Arid Lands Environment Centre
- Central West Environment Council
- Environment East Gippsland
- North Coast Environment Council
- South East Region Conservation Alliance
- Sunshine Coast Environment Council

Environment and Climate Organisations (grassroots)

- Association for Berowra Creek
- Bathurst Climate Action Network
- Climate Action Coogee
- Climate Action Newcastle
- Climate Action Newtown
- Climate Action Pittwater
- Climate Action Tomaree
- Climate Action Now Wingecarribee
- Climate Change Australia
- Climate Change Balmain Rozelle
- Climate Emergency Network
- Orange Climate Action Now
- ParraCAN (Parramatta Climate Action Network)
- Rising Tide Newcastle
- Wollongong Climate Action Network

