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Dear Ms Hywood

ACTION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

Thank you for your letter of 28 September 2017 to the Premier, the Hon Daniel Andrews MP about action to contribute to the Paris Climate Accord. As Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, your correspondence has been forwarded to me for consideration and response.

The Andrews Labor Government recognises that climate change is one of the most critical issues facing us today, and we are committed to taking serious and far-reaching action that makes Victoria a model for others to follow. This includes:

- Establishing the new *Climate Change Act 2017*, which legislates a long-term target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, and sets out a clear policy framework and pathway to 2050, including five-yearly interim targets similar to the approach under the Paris Agreement
- Victoria's Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan 2017-2020, which outlines a whole-of-government approach towards adapting to the impacts of climate change and managing current and future risk
- Victoria's Renewable Energy Action Plan and Renewable Energy Targets, which commits Victoria to achieving 25 per cent renewable energy by 2020 and 40 per cent by 2025, while also ensuring energy reliability and affordability
- Sustainability Victoria's Resource Smart Schools program, which educates and enables Victorian schools and students to take action to minimise waste; save energy and water; promote biodiversity; and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The Energy Efficiency and Productivity Strategy, which will improve Victoria's energy efficiency and drive the transition towards an energy efficient and productive economy.

The government is also a signatory of the Subnational Global Climate Leadership Memorandum of Understanding, the Under2 MOU, which brings together states and regions that are reducing their greenhouse gas emissions. The MOU has been signed or endorsed by 205 jurisdictions from 43 countries. The government will continue to collaborate with other sub-national jurisdictions to enhance our capacity to respond to climate change and to promote our knowledge and expertise internationally.

The government is also delivering on the TAKE2 climate change pledge program. TAKE2 is a pledge and review process similar to that used under the Paris Agreement and is focused on reducing emissions and building climate change action capacity throughout the Victorian community. It is the first state-led climate action pledging program and one of the most comprehensive in the world. We are pleased that St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne are a Founding Partner of the TAKE2 program, alongside other faith groups including Baptcare, the Brotherhood of St Laurence, Catholic Earthcare Australia and the Islamic Council of Australia.

We would welcome other Anglican congregations and agencies making pledges under the TAKE2 program. To learn more please see, <https://www.take2.vic.gov.au>

To learn more about action being taken in Victoria please see, <https://www.climatechange.vic.gov.au/>

If you would like more information about this matter, please call Clare Penrose, Director, Climate Change, on 03 9637 8614 or email clare.penrose@delwp.vic.gov.au

Thank you again for writing to me and I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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