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Dear Ms Hywood

Thank you for your letter regarding the Resolution from the Seventh Session of the General Synod to contribute to the Paris Agreement.

The Australian Government is taking action on climate change and contributing to global efforts to reduce emissions. As part of the Paris Agreement, Australia has committed to reduce emissions by 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030. This will see Australia's emissions per person halve, and the emissions intensity of our economy reduce by two-thirds.

The Government's policies to reduce emissions are working and we will meet our international commitments. The Emissions Reduction Fund is encouraging Australian businesses, communities and farmers to adopt new practices and technologies to reduce emissions. The Renewable Energy Target is seeking to ensure 23.5 per cent of Australia's electricity comes from renewable sources by 2020, and the National Energy Productivity Plan is reducing emissions through more efficient use of energy. The Government is also helping households install rooftop solar panels and solar hot water systems through rebates under the Renewable Energy Target.

In addition, the recently announced National Energy Guarantee (the Guarantee) will require energy retailers and some large users across the National Electricity Market to deliver reliable and lower emissions energy generation each year. The Guarantee is estimated to reduce household electricity bills by an average of \$120 per year from 2020. The Government will continue to work with the independent Energy Security Board and the states through the Council of Australian Governments to implement these reforms.

I congratulate the Anglican Church on its formal commitment, through the General Synod, to reduce its environmental impact.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Josh Frydenberg', written in a cursive style.

JOSH FRYDENBERG