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The Hon Chris Bowen MP
Minister for Climate Change and Energy

The Hon Josh Wilson MP
Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy

Cc Women members of parliament and senators, Office for Women, DCCEEW International Climate Negotiations Division

Dear Minister Bowen and Assistant Minister Josh Wilson

I am writing on behalf of the Women's Climate & Gender Equality Hub, a national collective of women's organisations hosted by the Women's Climate Congress (WCC) with a reach of approximately 10,000 women and 225 organisations. We are deeply engaged in climate action and committed to a sustainable and equitable future for Australia and our region.

We are diverse, grassroots and membership-based women's organisations, including those representing specific communities, gender identities, and lived experiences. We leverage different strengths, talents and skills of women to collaborate, share information, and amplify a collective, rational and informed voice for gender-just climate action. Through the WCC, we are also connected with the Feminist Climate Collective - a group of women-led organisations specifically working at the gender and climate interface, including major national/ international non-government organisations and women-led First Nations organisations.

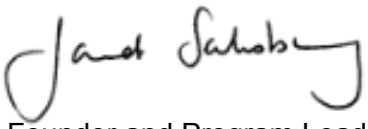
The Hub stands in solidarity with First Nations and Pacifika women whose voices, knowledge, leadership and lived experience are central to climate action and gender equality. We also stand with young women and girls for fair representation of the generations whose whole lives will be uniquely shaped by the decisions made now, older women who are both vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and have deep knowledge and lived experience to bring to the table, and women of diverse cultural backgrounds. Our work is shaped by all their calls for accountability, care for Country and ocean, and the protection of communities most affected by climate impacts. We recognise that any credible climate leadership from Australia must reflect these responsibilities.

Women across Australia are organised, attentive and watching closely as Parliament shapes the country's climate commitments and international positioning. We support Australia's commitment to a transparent, inclusive and consultative approach in international negotiations and urge that this goes beyond commitment to genuine consultation that listens to the priorities of women and other groups. The wellbeing of communities across Australia, including Zenadth Kes (Torres Strait), across the Pacific and the future of generations to come is at stake.

Women across the country are paying attention to Australia's next steps on the international stage, whether it is leading the official negotiations as President of Negotiations for COP31 or building a national roadmap for a just transition away from fossil fuels (TAFF; noting that the 2nd international conference for TAFF will be held in Tuvalu in July 2027). We welcome opportunities for consultation and dialogue and are available to share insights from our membership as Parliament continues its work on climate legislation, regional engagement and long-term transition planning.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to staying connected as Australia advances its climate leadership.

Yours sincerely
Dr Janet Salisbury



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