Dear Prime Minister

At the secondary school our children attend, just as at all high schools in Australia, children learn the science behind climate change and the fact that it is both real and caused by human beings. These facts are indisputable from the weight of peer-reviewed scientific evidence. Our children know this.

We thank you and your government for everything you are doing to effectively fight global warming, climate change and the resulting devastation of our country’s and the world’s biodiversity and environment. We urge you to do more. We have a long way to go still.

There are countless examples of the Liberal/National Parties’ woeful inaction on climate change over the decade they were in power. The devastation caused by fire and flood in recent times are horrible examples of the result of their callous indifference to the urgent need for action on climate change.

The knowledge, skill, technology and will to make Australia completely free from using fossil fuels within the next decade exists here in Australia today. It could have been achieved by 2020. Researchers at several universities already have well-developed plans for this based on scientific data.

The use of coal & gas needs to be phased out urgently. Any new mining of necessary precious metals and resources must be done underground regardless of the extra cost. No amount of good intentions on the part of mining companies can ever restore the areas they devastate with open cut mining to what they once were. That takes hundreds of years and in the meantime thousands of species lose their homes and food sources.

We are going to have to accept a certain level of pain if we are to avoid the full effects of climate change. The longer we avoid action, the worse the pain. Climate change is not a political issue. **It is a matter of life and death.** Please, in the name of our children and future generations, take responsibility for the leadership of our country and make the changes to Australia’s policies and economy that will make a significant positive difference. We would like to believe that our children and grandchildren will have a beautiful, healthy world in which to live and grow and thrive.

Regards