Ms Patricia Espinosa  
Executive Secretary  
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change  

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Dear Executive Secretary,

It is our great pleasure to write to you early in the term of our new government to convey Australia’s enhanced Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement.

It is crucial to keep a 1.5°C future within reach. Our new ambitious target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 43 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030 will put Australia on track to achieve net zero emissions by 2050. We are moving to enshrine these targets in legislation.

Our updated 2030 target is a 15 percentage point increase on Australia’s previous 2030 target. Both targets are economy-wide emissions reduction commitments, covering all sectors and gases included in Australia’s national inventory. Australia will also not carry over any overachievement on our 2020 target or our Kyoto Protocol targets to meet our Paris Agreement targets.

Our aspiration is that the ingenuity and commitments of our industries, states and territories, and the Australian people will yield even greater emission reductions in the coming decade.

Now is the time for policy implementation, and our government has a plan to deliver on our 2030 target and drive Australia’s transition to net zero.

With the right ambition, action and cooperation, we can seize the once-in-a-generation opportunity ahead of us and thrive in a net zero world.

Yours sincerely

ANTHONY ALBANESE  
Prime Minister of Australia

CHRIS-BOWEN  
Minister for Climate Change and Energy