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Dear Mr Steill *Simon*

Australia is on an ambitious pathway to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050. In 2022, the Australian Government legislated Australia's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, to reach net zero by 2050 and 43 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. These targets are a floor, not a ceiling, to our ambition.

To achieve these targets, the Government has committed to developing a Net Zero Plan which will articulate how Australia will transition to a net zero economy, consistent with our international and domestic commitments. The Net Zero Plan will be informed by six sectoral decarbonisation plans, covering all major sectors of the Australian Economy and will map out decarbonisation pathways and policies by 2050 for each sector. These plans cover the following sectors: electricity and energy; transport; industry; agriculture and land; resources; and the built environment.

In developing the Net Zero Plan and sectoral plans, the Government will consult extensively to ensure the plans are robust, ambitious but achievable, and accepted by the community. The Net Zero Plan will be underpinned by national and sectoral analysis and informed by independent advice from Australia's Climate Change Authority. Key cross-cutting priorities will be considered through the plans including First Nations engagement and opportunities, the circular economy, climate adaptation and resilience and the role of research and development.

In accordance with Article 4, paragraph 19, of the Paris Agreement, the new Net Zero Plan will become Australia's long-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategy. It will replace Australia's 2021 Long-Term Emissions Reduction Plan, which is currently registered on the UNFCCC portal. The 2021 Long-Term Emissions Reduction Plan reflected the approach of the previous government and is no longer aligned with the increased ambition of the Australian Government's legislated commitments and our extensive emissions-reduction actions.

While we consult and work to complete the Net Zero Plan, the Government wants to share its approach with the international community, including our progress towards the strengthened targets. To this end, I attach a copy of Australia's 2023 Annual Climate Change Statement, which reports on national emissions reduction progress, outlines national climate policies and comments on their implementation. I respectfully request the UNFCCC update Australia's long-term greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategy by replacing the existing 2021 Long-Term Emissions Reduction Plan with this letter and the attached Statement.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing to engage globally to achieve the objects of the Paris Agreement.

Yours sincerely

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CHRIS BOWEN

Enc 2023 Annual Climate Change Statement

cc: Minister for Foreign Affairs
Senator the Hon Penny Wong