

DIPLOMATS FOR *climate action now*

To the Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Cc Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Minister for Foreign Affairs

Dear Prime Minister

Diplomats for Climate Action Now congratulate you on your election as Australia's 31st Prime Minister and wish your team a successful and smooth transition into government.

The more than 110 former Australian Ambassadors, High Commissioners, foreign, trade and development officers concerned about climate change that comprise our group were heartened to hear in your first press conference as Prime Minister that responding ambitiously and rapidly to climate change is a top priority for your government.

We welcomed the emphasis on climate change in the joint statement at the Quad meeting in Tokyo, and particularly the newly announced Quad Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Package (Q-CHAMP). We look forward to seeing your government build on this to broaden its collaboration on climate change with regional partners in Southeast Asia – such as Indonesia – in addition to our important partners in the Pacific.

Many of our members who have previously served in the Pacific were pleased to hear Foreign Minister Senator the Hon Penny Wong articulate to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat on 26th May 2022 your government's commitment to the Boe Declaration of 2018 and the steps you will take to meet this challenge.

Our group agrees with Senator Wong that climate action is a core aspect of modern diplomacy, and that modern diplomats need the expertise, knowledge and a commitment to solving the climate crisis. This premise underpins our [Climate-Focused Foreign Policy for Australia](#), published in The Australian newspaper on 8th December 2021.

We stand ready to support your government in implementing a foreign, trade and development policy with climate action at its core to create a better future for all Australians. We would welcome an opportunity to engage with your government on how we might do this over the coming months.

Yours sincerely



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