

The Hon. Tanya Plibersek MP
Minister for the Environment and Water

By email: Minister.Plibersek@dcceew.gov.au

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Dear Minister

Vets for Climate Action sends you our deepest thanks for your decision to reject the Clive Palmer proposed coal mine in Queensland, close to the Great Barrier Reef.

The proposed mine presented risks to the ecosystem of the Reef with its diverse plant and animal life, including the Dugong which already has a vulnerable status. In addition, the coal extracted from the mine, for burning here and overseas, would have added more carbon dioxide emissions to the atmosphere.

Your decision will help Australia to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

The IPCC reports with high confidence that Global warming is likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate. CSIRO reports that hot days will become more frequent and hotter, sea levels will rise and extreme rainfall events will become more intense.

We need more wise decisions, innovation and action by your government to avoid irreversible climate damage to the environment and biodiversity, our people and animals.

We ask you to reject all future fossil fuel developments in Australia.

Yours sincerely



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