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Abstract

In this letter, academic experts from diverse disciplines at Australian universities and research institutes, address Prime Minister Albanese and his Government ahead of COP31 (9–20 November 2026, Antalya, Türkiye). The letter identifies a paradox at the heart of Australia's climate leadership: as President of Negotiations, Australia has pledged to represent its Pacific family on the world stage while advancing new and expanded coal and gas projects at home, with no plan to phase out production. This contradiction comes amid a convergence of events, including a glacier collapse on the Nepal–Tibet border that killed more than 1,400 people and UNEP's announcement that exceeding 1.5°C of warming is now unavoidable, making it more urgent to limit the magnitude and duration of overshoot. Arguing that Australia cannot credibly lead abroad, or ensure national and regional security, while expanding fossil fuels at home, the signatories call for three steps before, at and after COP31. First, end approvals for new or expanded coal, oil and gas projects, including the Hunter Valley Operations Continuation Project and Beetaloo expansion. Second, legislate a binding phase-out timetable, consistent with modelling showing coal can leave the electricity system by 2034, paired with a just transition for workers and communities funded by ending fossil fuel subsidies. Third, use the Presidency boldly, as the Taku Pakasoa Declaration urges, to secure a time-bound roadmap for transitioning away from fossil fuels, a loss and damage outcome commensurate with need, and adaptation finance that reaches frontline communities directly. The letter was open for signatures from 20 October to 1 November 2026 and emailed to the Prime Minister on 2 November, one week before COP31. Copies were sent to federal ministers, state Premiers and territory Chief Ministers.

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Monday 2 November 2026

Dear Prime Minister,

Re: Climate leadership begins at home

In one week, the world will gather in Antalya, Türkiye for COP31 (9-20 November 2026), and Australia will hold, for the first time, authority to steer the negotiations as President of Negotiations. The pre-COP meetings in Fiji and Tuvalu last month place our region, and our responsibilities to it, at the centre of that task.

We write to you as Australian and international academic experts based at Australian universities and research institutes. We are from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, together with Australian and international First Nations knowledge holders whose stewardship of Country, Lands, Waters, Islands, and Oceans spans millennia, and in Australia more than 60,000 years. We differ in our method and disciplines, but we are united in our reading of the evidence and in our requests to you.

The past two months have seen an extraordinary convergence of events relevant to the climate crisis. On 26 August, a glacier collapse above the Nepal-Tibet border unleashed a deluge of ice, rock, mud and water, killing more than 1,400 people. Seven days later, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced to the world that exceeding 1.5°C of warming is now unavoidable. Meanwhile, in meetings in the Pacific you heard that Pacific Island nations, our closest neighbours and family, continue to face the slow loss of their Lands, Oceans, Waters, and ways of life, and you pledged to represent their interests internationally. Over the same period, Australia has continued to advance new and expanded fossil fuel projects and has no plan to phase out production.

We argue that Australia cannot credibly lead on climate abroad nor ensure national nor regional security while it expands coal and gas at home[1]. The imminent overshoot of 1.5°C means increased urgency for action so as to limit the magnitude and duration of the overshoot. We ask you to read this letter as the considered judgement of the collective expertise and conscience of your nation's academy, whose work is to understand these systems (climate, energy, environment, economic, social and political) and to act on them.

Leadership abroad begins with action at home. We therefore call on you to take the following three steps before, at, and following COP31:

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1. **End approvals for new or expanded coal, oil, and gas projects**

The Australian Government must decline Federal approval of the Hunter Valley Operations Continuation Project, halt further Beetaloo expansion and adopt a clear policy of no new or expanded coal, oil, and gas projects. The renewable energy transition cannot succeed while we continue to fund fossil fuel expansion.

2. **Legislate a binding phase-out timetable that guarantees a just transition for workers and communities**

Climate Analytics' new roadmap for Australia shows coal can leave the electricity system by 2034 and that coal production can be all but eliminated by 2040, with gas residual in the 2040s, and oil gone by 2050[2]. Phaseout should be paired with a just transition roadmap to support affected workers and regions to provide workers with certainty through a clear timetable, income guarantees, retraining, redeployment, early retirement options, and new regional industries[3],[4],[5]. Such actions can be funded through phasing out fossil fuel subsidies. National phase-out plans will be central to COP31 negotiations.

3. **Use the COP31 Presidency boldly**

Australia has promised to represent Pacific interests through this Presidency. The pre-COP31 Taku Pakasoa Declaration is clear on what this means[6]. It calls on "all Parties to the Paris Agreement to accelerate collective action in this critical decade to keep 1.5°C within reach. The science is unequivocal. Deep, rapid and sustained emissions reductions are required to minimise the magnitude and duration of overshoot". With fossil fuels responsible for around 70% of global emissions[7], this means a rapid transition away from fossil fuels is essential. Australia should use this role to steer COP31 toward a time-bound roadmap for the transition away from fossil fuels agreed on at COP28, a loss and damage outcome commensurate with need that includes non-economic loss and damage, and adaptation finance that reaches frontline communities directly.

Australia has the knowledge, the wealth, the renewable resources and this year, the diplomatic platform to lead. What is required now is your courage. If not now, while leading negotiations and standing before our Pacific family, then when? We ask you to be brave, to be bold, and to act with the urgency that the evidence demands.

The Evidence

1. The Science of Overshoot

The UNEP's *Limiting Overshoot* report, released on 2 September 2026, concludes that exceeding 1.5°C is now widely assessed as unavoidable due to insufficient action in recent decades and this global mean warming level is likely to be reached within the next few years[8]. The report further makes explicit that every additional fraction of a degree, and every additional year above 1.5°C, raises the probability of crossing irreversible thresholds, including the destabilisation of major ice sheets. It anticipates the submersion of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and low-lying coastal cities. It states countries with greater responsibility for climate change should act fastest and with greatest ambition; Australia is one of those countries.

With the focus on now limiting the magnitude and duration of overshoot to the lowest possible levels the new generation of global mitigation pathways now being published indicate what is feasible both geophysically and in a technical and economic sense. Multiple pathways deploying the highest

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possible ambition, show peak warming can still be limited to 1.7 ± -0.1°C with warming brought back below 1.5° before 2100 if urgent action is taken[9].

2. Australian Impacts

Australia's National Climate Risk Assessment Report shows Australia has already warmed by more than 1.5°C with climate change impacts including sea level rise, biodiversity loss, droughts, and flooding disproportionately impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and women[10]. Australian communities should not have to bear the brunt of the harms of national coal, gas, and oil policies. Accountability depends on leaders naming plainly the drivers of the harms their communities are experiencing and working to dismantle these drivers.

3. Global Responsibility for the Climate Crisis

Australia consistently ranks at or near the top of OECD member countries for domestic per capita greenhouse gas emissions[11]. Including exports, Australia accounts for around 4.5 per cent of global fossil carbon dioxide emissions, four-fifths of which is burned overseas[12]. Exports from 1961 to 2023 alone account for some 30 billion tonnes of CO2, and under current policy this is set to rise by half by 2035[13]. These emissions do not appear in our national inventory, and nothing in Australia's climate policy framework addresses them[14]. Unfortunately, Prime Minister, these emissions do appear in the atmosphere and in the everyday harms experienced by people who did little to cause them.

Nepal produces around 0.1 per cent of global emissions[15]. The glacier collapse has killed more than 1,400 people with over 5,000 people still missing[16]. On 25 September, Prime Minister Balendra Shah took the case to the UN General Assembly, describing the disaster as the product of a warming climate and warning that the current system forces, "a poor country to borrow money to repair damage it did not cause"[17].

Our Pacific Islander neighbours have said the same for longer, and with great patience. At the Pacific Islands Forum in Palau in September, you yourself described climate change as an existential threat to the nations in the room [18]. Yet, when asked in Palau whether Australia bears collective responsibility for climate events such as in Nepal, you stated it was not the time for those debates[19]. Prime Minister, for those of us who study these systems, the time is now. For those who experience the impacts, the time is now.

4. The False Economy of Fossil Fuel Dependence

Australia's fossil fuel emissions cause harm far beyond our borders, and continued expansion does not serve our own economic interests. Australia spends more than $16 billion on fossil fuel subsidies[20],[21] and captures only a modest share of the resource rents they generate[22]. Meanwhile, climate-related disasters cost the economy more than $30 billion a year[23], a figure projected to rise with our emissions[24].

5. Climate Law and Accountability

In July 2025, the International Court of Justice advised that states' obligations to prevent significant climate harm extend to fossil fuel production, licensing and subsidies[25]. On 7 October 2026, the High Court of Australia held that the NSW Independent Planning Commission failed a mandatory legal obligation when it approved the expansion of the Mount Pleasant coal mine in the Hunter Valley. The Court found that under NSW planning law, decision-makers must account for scope three emissions, those released when the coal is burned overseas, and consider whether measures are needed to mitigate them[26]. Our courts have also declined to criminalise peaceful climate protest[27]. Test

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prosecutions under NSW's anti-protest laws have failed[28]. Taken together, these cases show your Government's climate governance is no longer a question of being on the wrong side of history; it is on the wrong side right now.

6. National and Regional Security

This is a matter of national and regional security. Your Government's own *Defence Strategic Review* warned that climate change has the potential to "significantly increase risk in our region"[29]. In Palau, your own Minister for Pacific Island Affairs described climate change as "the number one existential security threat" to our region[30]. Our closest allies are looking to Australia for leadership on a fossil-free future, "and if they don't find it in Canberra, they'll be looking elsewhere."[31]

7. Loss and Damage

By 31 July 2026, the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage had received pledges of US $820 million per year[32],[33]. By the close of its first call for funding on 15 June 2026, 176 eligible requests from 119 countries sought a combined US $2.8 billion, more than eight times the US $342 million available[34].

As President of Negotiations, Australia will hold exclusive authority to steer the texts and decisions reached. Its credibility in that role rests on consistency between what it asks of others and what it does itself. A presidency that champions Pacific access to finance while approving decades of new coal and gas invites the charge of hypocrisy.

The Pacific Islands have called for finance from the loss and damage fund. Nepal has called for reparations. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities do not have access to the global mechanism. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples experience profound losses, beyond the physical, environmental, and human health impacts. These encompass losses of Country, cultural practices, food systems, burial grounds, freshwater sources, and knowledge systems sustained over millennia. These impacts threaten culture, community wellbeing, traditional livelihoods, and the intergenerational transmission of knowledge[35],[36].

Much of what the Pacific is losing too, cannot be quantified. The Government of Vanuatu describes non-economic losses as "debilitating and often irreversible, including loss of land, cultural sites, burial grounds."[37] In Kiribati, a woman whose story Minister Ruth Cross Kwansing carried to an international audience, asks "who helps to restore the peace of our ancestors' resting place?" What is the price of our troubled hearts?[38] For Pacific Islanders, climate change is a crisis of relationships to Oceans, Lands, ancestors, kin[39] and international neighbours.

Your failure to act is driving instability in our region and puts the lives of our neighbours and everyday Australians at risk.

8. The Pacific Paradox

Australia agreed at COP28 to accelerate action in this critical decade to transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems so as to achieve net zero by 2050 in keeping with the science[40], reaffirmed that commitment by signing the Belém Declaration at COP30, attended this year's first Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels in Colombia, and joined some 50 countries in committing to develop a national plan to phase out fossil fuels[41],[42].

Yet, in the same weeks that you spoke for the Pacific in Palau, gas extraction began from the Beetaloo Basin in the Northern Territory. The Beetaloo's gas reserves exceed those of the North West Shelf, the nation's largest fossil fuel development, and are required to offset only 5 per cent of their

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emissions[43]. It is expected that unabated gas processing and expansion tied to the Beetaloo Basin will raise the Northern Territory's national greenhouse gas emissions share from 3% of Australia's total emissions to around 15%[44].

On 30 September, the NSW Independent Planning Commission approved the Hunter Valley Operations (HVO) Continuation Project, the largest coal project ever proposed in New South Wales[45]. It extends mining to 2045 and will extract an estimated 429 million tonnes of coal[46], with associated emissions estimated at around 800 million tonnes[47]. Its lifetime emissions, including from combustion overseas, are projected at nearly twice Australia's current annual net emissions[48]. No domestic transition can offset our export pipeline. The project still requires approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* before 31 December 2026[49],[50]. This decision rests with your Government and will test our international standing and leadership – Australia cannot lead with any legitimacy in climate negotiations while expanding coal at home.

Harm is here and further harm is foreseeable. To reduce it lies within your and your government's control.

The Time is Now

Prime Minister, the imminence of overshoot of 1.5°C makes clear that far more urgent action is needed by all parties to limit the magnitude and duration of this overshoot and keep the period above 1.5 as short as possible. It is still within our capacity, providing countries, including Australia, act with the highest possible ambition. This is why we write in hope. This letter itself is an act of hope grounded in evidence, that the worst can still be avoided and Australia can help ensure this. We add our voices to those of Australian organisations working in international development who have made similar requests of you[51]. We urge you to act.

Yours Sincerely,

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