

Dear Prime Minister,

As you have acknowledged, Australia is now experiencing for itself the devastating effects of climate change. There is no doubt that the length and intensity of this unprecedented bushfire crisis is a direct result of our emissions and use of fossil fuels. People around the world are looking on in horror and wondering what lies ahead for us all if we don't take immediate action.

Amnesty International's mission is to protect and defend human rights, and climate change is a human rights issue. We all have the right to life, health, food, water and housing.

Extreme weather-related disasters like the bushfires and drought destroy homes and ruin people's ability to earn a living. For our neighbours in the Pacific, rising seas are having the same effect. An estimated 600 million people worldwide are likely to experience drought and famine as a result of climate change.

But it's not too late - Australia still has the capacity to lead on this issue and take **concrete, urgent action**. The thousands of people around Australia who have mobilised to help in this crisis, the scientists and advocates who've been working on this issue for decades, and the traumatised people you've met yourself have all told you we need to do more.

You have a unique opportunity to lead the Australian government during this crisis by:

1. Acknowledge climate change is a human rights emergency threatening our rights to life, security, and a healthy environment
2. Mitigating the impact of climate change by committing to 100% renewable energy and net zero emissions, in accordance with the science
3. Contribute Australia's fair share towards the cost of mitigation and adaptation around climate change in low-income countries, which are disproportionately affected

We do not have the luxury of time to delay our global response to this issue. This needs immediate attention, leadership and action. I implore you to be the leaders we need during this time and to push others to do the same.

Yours sincerely,