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Dear Julie Bishop,

Re: United Nations Climate Talks

Many thanks for all the work you do as our representative. You carry your portfolio with style and integrity, and I am grateful for the influence you have on the government.

Congratulations on your role representing Australia at the United Nations climate talks this year. I realise this is just one of so many responsibilities in your portfolio, but it pertains to the most important issue facing our society this century. Reducing our impact on climate change and adapting to the consequences of it presents so many opportunities to administer justice to the world's poor, to the powerless and to women.

Your responses to my previous letters have shown you as an intelligent, thoughtful person, and I trust you to represent me as a Curtin constituent. I'm not so sure the rest of your party has any interest in representing my interests, but I recognise that your ability to change the greater party policies is only moderately more than human.

I am writing to urge you to commit Australia to ambitious renewable energy and emission reduction targets. By shifting early and enthusiastically to the way of the future, we will support a healthy economy at the same time as preserving a healthy planet for generations to come. By removing fossil-fuel subsidies, the public purse can save \$9 billion, which could be put to very good use elsewhere.

As a doctor, I am greatly concerned at the health impacts of intensive (agrichemical) food production, food scarcity, increasing heat stroke, fuel and coal-driven lung cancer and emphysema, and loss of life and limb from increasing floods, cyclones.

Sincerely yours,

Sue Taylor