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**BINDING EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS AT THE 2015 UN CLIMATE CONFERENCE**  
**Submission to Hon Julie Bishop, MP**

Dear Hon. Bishop,

**Climate Change accountability**

We are writing to request your proactive leadership in representing us (living in your electorate) at the upcoming 2015 UN Climate Change Conference in Paris.

We are in the midst of climate change and feel the urgent need for a globally binding target (also binding for Australia) to curb dangerous emissions that cause climate change. Such binding target is long overdue since the 1997 Kyoto conference while the status of our planet Earth continuous to degrade<sup>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8</sup> with human-caused emissions continuing to rise faster than previously.

These impacts can adversely influence our life quality beyond our imagination. We request your ethical and authentic leadership to protect us from these adverse and irreversible impacts. The people of Australia have entrusted you to be the authentic steward of our fragile ecosystem.

We understand that your participation in the climate change negotiations is a historic opportunity on a personal level. However, we trust that will do the right thing by the Australian people and our future generations and not bow to the irresponsible demands of corporations (privatising profits – socialising costs to society). What is the legacy that you wish to be known for?

Please make us proud: Australia can be a global leader in renewable energy implementation, in particular where the Pilbara's potential is referred to as the "Saudi Arabia of solar energy".

**Sustainability credentials within our family**

Raoul Abrutat is the initiator of the successful Perth Solar Cities bid to the then Australian Greenhouse Office (Solar Cities was a Howard Government initiative). The economic, environmental and societal values this project delivered to the WA society are demonstrated here:

[www.westernpower.com.au/networkprojects/smartGrid/Perth\\_Solar\\_City.html](http://www.westernpower.com.au/networkprojects/smartGrid/Perth_Solar_City.html)

Raoul Abrutat is also the project initiator of the proposed Fremantle Community Wind Farm that despite its transformational opportunities (local ownership, relatedness to renewable energy resources) is currently stuck in bureaucracy and lack of State Government leadership: [www.fremantlewindfarm.com.au](http://www.fremantlewindfarm.com.au)

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<sup>1</sup> WMO Status of the global climate: [www.wmo.int/ebooks/Climate-Statement013](http://www.wmo.int/ebooks/Climate-Statement013)

<sup>2</sup> Loss in biodiversity: The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, [www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org)

<sup>3</sup> Water stress: The effects of global warming are also altering the patterns of water availability for drinking and agriculture, [www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar4/wg2/ar4-wg2-chapter11.pdf](http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar4/wg2/ar4-wg2-chapter11.pdf) (Chapter 11: **Australia** and New Zealand)

<sup>4</sup> Deforestation: [www.globalchange.umich.edu/globalchange2/current/lectures/deforest/deforest.html](http://www.globalchange.umich.edu/globalchange2/current/lectures/deforest/deforest.html)

<sup>5</sup> Corals in crisis: [www.gbrmpa.gov.au/managing-the-reef/threats-to-the-reef/climate-change](http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/managing-the-reef/threats-to-the-reef/climate-change)

<sup>6</sup> Ocean dead zone expansion: <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/deadzone.html>

<sup>7</sup> Antarctic collapses: [www.antarcticglaciers.org/glaciers-and-climate/shrinking-ice-shelves/ice-shelves](http://www.antarcticglaciers.org/glaciers-and-climate/shrinking-ice-shelves/ice-shelves)

<sup>8</sup> Arctic meltdown: [www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/climate\\_law\\_institute/the\\_arctic\\_meltdown](http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/climate_law_institute/the_arctic_meltdown)

In summary, climate change is endangering our lives and we request you to protect us by being a strong authentic leader for us.

We leave you with the inspiring quote by Albert Einstein:

*“The world will not evolve past its current state of crisis by using the same thinking that created the situation”.*

Yours faithfully,

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