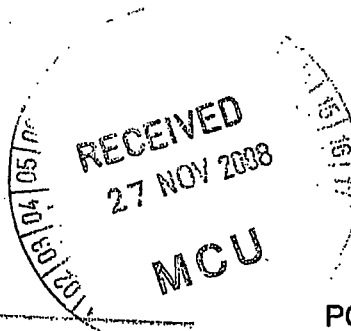
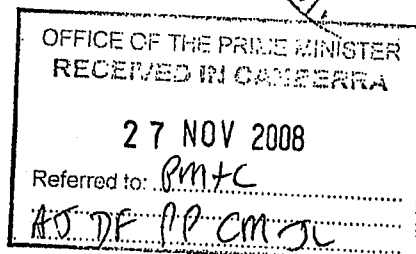


GetUp!
Action for Australia

The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



PO Box A105
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Dear Mr Rudd,

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In your electorate of Griffith:

- **2298 residents of Griffith** have signed this petition calling on the Government to take sweeping action on climate change.

We know government action on climate change is a high priority for Australians across the country, as it is in your electorate. The Australian community is on board, and prepared to meet the Government and business community in taking the steps necessary to make sure Australia is not left behind in the transition to a new green economy.

That means bold action must be taken and strong short-term targets set to ensure Australia does not suffer in the long-term. Economic opportunities abound in an economic future that invests heavily in renewable energy and creates green-collar jobs, and that relies on the certainty offered by the setting of a strong short-term carbon pollution reduction targets.

With so many of your constituents having indicated they are willing to play a role in climate change solutions, and expect their representatives to do the same, we believe there is a strong community mandate for the Government to proceed with setting the bold short-term target needed of at least a 25% reduction of 1990 levels by 2020.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Mr Byrne,

If Australia is to become one of the winners in the global economy's assured move towards a more sustainable future, we must ensure that the issue of climate change is met with a bold response from both sides of politics, the general public and the business community.

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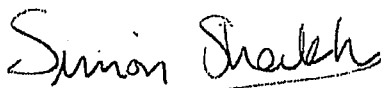
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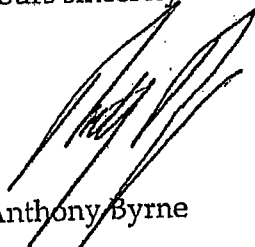
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04 DEC 2008

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Dear Mr Rudd,

As the caucus meets over the coming days to decide on carbon pollution reduction targets, we would like to assist you in making this important decision by providing for you the results of some important polling of ALP supporters that GetUp conducted this week.

Our polling of GetUp members who identify as Labor voters indicates that **if the Federal Government fails to deliver on strong climate action many of those Labor supporters will switch their vote** at the next federal election to a party with stronger climate policy. In some cases the huge number of Labor-voting GetUp members is enough to put seats including Melbourne, Grayndler, Sydney, Adelaide & Eden-Monaro in jeopardy.

A target range that does not include at least a 25% by 2020 reduction, as recommended by Professor Garnaut as part of global greenhouse gas stabilisation at 450 ppm, will be unacceptable to the Australian public and unacceptable to GetUp members.

Conversely a unique opportunity exists to build our new green economy, green jobs and industries while supporting the base of your party.

GetUp members are committed to seeing the Federal Government take strong action on climate change.

GetUp members are opinion-formers in the community. They clearly articulate their position and are instrumental in influencing the votes of their peers, neighbours and family members come election time. This multiplies their impact and makes our polling all the more concerning for the ALP.

The polling report overleaf shows that nationally **47% of GetUp members who traditionally support Labor are very likely to switch their votes, while 33% are somewhat likely to do so.** GetUp members are active political donors, volunteers and opinion leaders whose views resonate throughout their network of friends, family and colleagues. These polling figures indicate a significant problem for the ALP should the Federal Government announce weak carbon reduction targets below 25% as recommended by Professor Ross Garnaut.

There is a strong community mandate for the Government to proceed with setting the strong short term targets needed to tackle climate change – at least 25% carbon pollution reduction over 2000 levels by 2020. This is the lowest number in the 25 – 40% reduction recommended for industrialised countries by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; and the minimum number required to stabilise global greenhouse emissions at 450 parts per million Co2-e, which was found to be in Australia's best interests by Professor Garnaut.



Certainly it is our intention to respond positively to target ranges that include 25%. On the contrary, our members will inform Australians very clearly of the impacts of targets below 25%. For example, any target under 25% will undermine any chance of a global deal that would save the Great Barrier Reef, Kakadu and the Murray Darling Basin. Our members understand this and are regularly requesting us to inform other Australians through advertising and other methods.

It is our intention to do so only should the maximum target included in the range be below 25%.

Thus I highlight to you the importance of setting acceptable targets of at least 25% carbon pollution reduction over 2000 levels by 2020, and offer you an empirical breakdown of the results of our polling attached to this letter.

Should we be able to be of any further assistance to you on this matter please feel free to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Simon Sheikh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Simon" and last name "Sheikh" clearly distinguishable.

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Summary of Polling Results

Q. If the Federal Labor Government weakens its position or fails to deliver strong action on climate change, how likely would you be to vote for a party with a stronger climate change policy at the next federal election?

The following results are comprised only of respondents who responded 'Labor' to the question: 'Thinking about federal elections, which party do you traditionally support?'

Aggregate Result

Sample size: 14,188

	%		%
Very Likely	47.1%	Total likely	80.03%
Somewhat likely	32.9%		
Somewhat unlikely	13.9%	Total unlikely	19.96%**
Very unlikely	6.1%		

Margin of error: 0.8%

**Results may not add up exactly due to rounding*

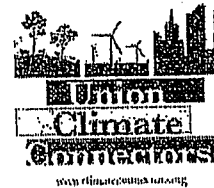
Methodology

The data for this report was gathered from an online survey conducted by GetUp.org.au from November 29th to December 2nd. All respondents have elected to receive emails from GetUp; they are not a representative section of the broader community and have not been weighted to reflect Australian Bureau of Statistic (ABS) data. Age bracket and gender data on respondents are available.

Respondents were identified as electorate residents by the postcodes they have provided GetUp, matched with electorate postcode data provided by the AEC. Some postcodes straddle federal electorates, and thus a small proportion of respondents may be outside the stated electorates.

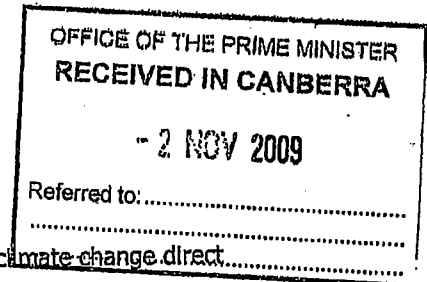
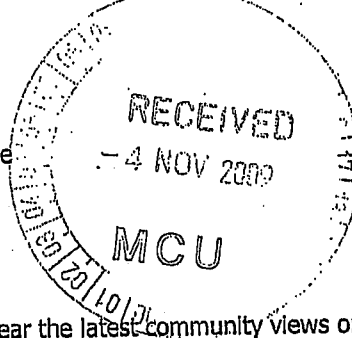
Responses are limited to one per person by an IP filter that prevents return access to the survey. Full data set is available on request.

THE CLIMATE PROJECT

Al Gore's climate change
leadership programGetUp!
Action for Australia

30 October 2009

The Hon Kevin Rudd
House of Representatives, Parliament House
PO Box 6022
ACT 2600



Dear Kevin Rudd,

We would like to offer you the chance to hear the latest community views on climate change direct from the kitchen benches, bbqs and workplaces of the Australian electorate.

On November 16 we will be bringing to Canberra community representatives who have recently door-knocked, presented to or met with their communities, peer networks and workmates to talk about climate change and clean energy jobs.

They have volunteered their time to share with you their experience that community support for strong action on climate change remains solid, and is set to increase unless effective action is taken now.

The delegations will include community representatives from the following constituencies:

- The Climate Project Presenters who collectively have shown their climate crisis slideshow to more than 300,000 people in Australia.
- Get Up community members, who have been door-knocking thousands of homes across the nation to start a conversation about clean energy jobs, and who represent Get Up's broader membership of over 335,000.
- Union Climate Connectors, a partnership between Australian Conservation Foundation and Australian Unions, who are part of a workplace-based climate action program that includes over 2500 union members from over 20 different unions.

The delegations will be in Canberra at Parliament House on Monday 16th November.

Please contact us (via Sarah Kinsela 0419 960 789 or s.kinsela@acfonline.org.au) to nominate a meeting time.

We trust you will take up this opportunity to meet with our community representatives, both to hear their views and to explain your position on climate change.

Kind Regards

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Manager of Offline Strategy & Member Engagement

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DATE: 13 April 2010

ATTN: Prime Minister Kevin Rudd MP,

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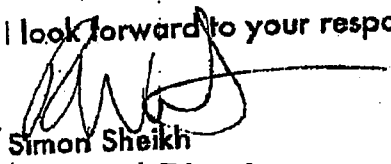
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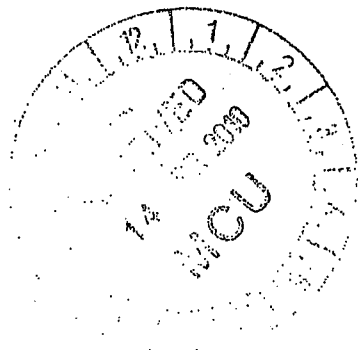
Please find following open letter calling on you to negotiate climate action in the senate before the next election, from more than fifty organisations, representing hundreds of thousands of Australians.

The group includes major national social welfare, environment and faith based organisations, as well as unions, and state conservation councils and local climate action groups from around the country.

I look forward to your response,

for 

Simon Sheikh
National Director
GetUp! Action for Australia



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13 April 2010

The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

OPEN LETTER CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE CLIMATE ACTION

Together we represent unions and workers, social welfare organisations, faith-based organisations, and environment groups large and small, local and national.

We share a common goal of a fast and fair transition to a low carbon economy that we know will create millions of clean energy jobs and help drive ambitious global climate action.

We know that this will be a challenging transition requiring decisive political leadership.

As you have said, climate change is one of the greatest moral and economic challenges of our time, but the benefits of action will be substantial. The benefits will include a competitive Australian economy in the already booming global clean energy economy.

We call on you to act on carbon pollution and climate change before the next election. We call on you to get started with an immediate price on carbon to begin the process of serious emissions reductions.

While separately our organisations support a range of actions, we all support, at the least, an immediate two year levy on carbon pollution from Australia's biggest emitters. The levy can fund reducing pollution, supporting Australian households, helping industry to transition to cleaner practices, and further boost Australia's renewable energy sector. Immediate action will provide increased certainty for business that wants to invest in clean technologies and climate solutions, and are currently hesitant.

A two year levy, similar to that proposed by Professor Garnaut, is not a substitute for a long-term limit and price on carbon, but it will get the job of cleaning up Australia's economy underway.

We urge you to negotiate with the Senate in this term of Parliament to pass legislation that makes our largest companies pay for their carbon pollution and begins the

transition to a clean energy economy. With your leadership, Australia can start the shift to a clean energy economy and help rebuild momentum for ambitious global action.

Yours sincerely,

GetUp! Action for Australia, Australian Conservation Foundation, Greenpeace, The Climate Institute, Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS), The Wilderness Society, Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Uniting Justice Australia (Uniting Church in Australia), National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) Victoria, The Australia Institute, Climate Emergency Network, Justice and International Mission Unit, Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, Greenleap Strategic Institute, WATCH - Wodonga and Albury Towards Climate Health, Conservation Council of WA, Victoria Climate Action Centre, Queensland Conservation, Environment Victoria, Australian Climate Justice Program, LIVE (Locals Into Victoria's Environment), Portland Sustainability Group, Mount Alexander Sustainability Group, Environment Centre NT, Moonee Valley Climate Action, The Climate Action Calendar, National Toxics Network, PlugIn Australia, Green Coast Catalysts, Northshore Climate Action Group, Lighter Footprints, ParraCAN (Parramatta Climate Action Network), Conservation Council SA, Climate Change Australia - Hastings Branch, Ballina Climate Action Network, Broadwater Community Dunecare, Hepburn Wind, BREAZE - Ballarat Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions, Climate Action Newcastle, Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle, Ryde Gladesville Climate Change Action Group, Nature Conservation Council (NSW), Climate Action Canberra, South East Climate Action Coalition, Climate Change: Our Future Inc. (Monash and Glen Eira Climate Action Group), Bayside Climate Change Action, Climate Action Newtown, Sutherland Climate Action Network, Beyond Zero Emissions, Outdoor Lighting Reform Action Group, Chelsea Heights EarthCarers, Ararat Greenhouse Action Group Inc, Henry's Hydraulics Pty Ltd, Rhubarb Foods Cooperative Foods Ltd, Dandenong Ranges Renewable Energy Association.

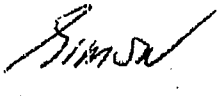


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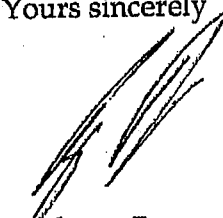
Dear Mr Sheikh 

Thank you for your letter of 13 April 2010 to the Prime Minister regarding climate change. The Prime Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

Your comments have been noted and referred to the Minister for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Water, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, who has portfolio responsibility for this matter.

Thank you once again for bringing this matter to the Prime Minister's attention.

Yours sincerely



Anthony Byrne