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MEDIA RELEASE

ACFP launches petition to Scott Morrison demanding that Australia lead the world at COP26 to stop global heating.

Australian Community Futures Planning has launched a petition to Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction Angus Taylor demanding that Australia take a lead role at COP26 in a last ditch effort to stop global heating.

The petition calls for a new Motion to be put by Australia at the COP26 meeting in Glasgow in November 2021 as follows:

Australia proposes that a new basis of negotiation within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change should be established to meet the temperature objectives of the Paris Agreement and that this should henceforth be based on pledges to stay permanently within specified total tonnage limits for emissions – such tonnage limits per country to be determined by the following formula:

- A. A pre-determined budget of total global emissions necessary to ensure a near 100% probability of staying below 1.5 degrees Celsius (estimated to be no more than 235 billion tonnes between 2020 and whenever net zero is reached by all countries), multiplied by***
- B. The percentage of the total load of global carbon emitted by each country to the atmosphere in 2019.***

This Motion is designed as a circuit breaker for negotiations and constitutes the only remaining way forward for meeting the central objective of the Paris Agreement, which is to keep temperature increases to between 1.5° and 2° Celsius.

Read the [full wording of the petition here](#).

The Motion has been developed by ACFP because the current negotiation framework in use for Paris Agreement negotiations is not capable of stopping global heating.

In the current framework, countries are being asked to come forward at COP26 with ambitious 2030 emissions reductions targets (NDCs) that align with reaching net zero by the middle of the century. But the system of pledging intended percentage reductions of emissions can no longer function to stop global heating because it does not oblige each country to reach net zero before too much carbon is emitted in total. It is the total emitted that matters, not the date by which we reach net zero.

COP26 organisers are calling on countries to accelerate the phaseout of coal, encourage investment in renewables, curtail deforestation and speed up the switch to electric vehicles. But no country is making commitments to the extent that is necessary and until they have a clear target for a tonnage

cap on emissions they will not be able to devise plans that can be certified as capable of meeting the temperature target before the world locks in heating above 1.5° Celsius.

ACFP's proposed Motion to COP26 would give every country a clear and fair share of the remaining tonnage of carbon that can be safely emitted to the atmosphere. From there they can plan their way to reaching net zero before they emit too much in greenhouse gases. The world can still stop global heating, but not by using the current negotiation framework in the Paris Agreement.

For more information:

- Read the full petition [here](#).
- Read this explainer article by ACFP's Founder, Dr Bronwyn Kelly: [Australia can lead the world at COP26 to fix climate change](#) – 6 minute read – and [At COP26, fair sharing of a carbon budget will be the key to success](#) – 7 minute read.
- Watch ACFP's latest video: [A Plan for Fixing Climate Change](#).
- Read ACFP's [Fact Sheet on the Petition demanding that Australia lead the world at COP26 to stop global heating](#) – 12 minute read.
- Visit the [ACFP webpage on the petition](#).
- Watch ACFP's video on [Climate Policy Failure and How to Fix it by Global Leadership](#) - Episode 6 Part 2 of The State of Australia in 2020.

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