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Although I expect you have been very busy since your election to Parliament, I should be very grateful if you would find time to respond to Council for the National Interest (CNI) letter sent to you under date of 22 June, 2022, please.

We were very interested in that element of your election campaign promoting integrity in politics and the Parliament. We are therefore, concerned that you have been reported in the media as voting for Labor's Climate Change (2022) Bill mandating for a 43% cut in emissions of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) by 2030 and for emissions to be net-zero by 2050.

The attachments to our 22 June letter proved irrefutably, that CO₂ is necessary for plant, animal and human life on Earth and that CO₂ does not warm the Earth. Any reduction in the levels of CO₂ in the atmosphere of the Earth will be detrimental to the abundance of life on the planet.

The passing of this Bill into law will radically change Australia's economy, society and way of life. There will be a further significant increase in electricity costs, a reduction in reliability and an undermining of Australia's energy sovereignty due to greater reliance on imported solar panels and wind turbines.

There is a 'ratchet clause' in Sections 10(4), (5) and (6) of the Bill **that allows the Labor Government to further increase emissions targets without needing the consent of parliament – without debate – without a vote and even without parliament sitting.** This reflects the Paris Climate Agreement which, the Explanatory Memorandum of the Bill states, will be embedded in the legislation.

Surely, you would know that the Paris Climate Agreement is a global agreement between 188 nations under the United Nations and imposes binding international greenhouse gas emissions reductions on Australia and other nations.

Once the Paris Climate Agreement is embedded into Australian Law it will unleash a torrent of legal actions by a significant range of groups and individuals challenging government emissions reduction decisions, to achieve their own goals, whether or not it is in Australia's national interest to do so. It will hand even more influence over the direction of Australia to unelected, unaccountable internationalist bureaucrats.

Clearly, once passed by the Parliament, this Bill will pose a threat to the sovereign decision-making capacity of our national Parliament, will pose a significant threat to the welfare of ordinary Australians and will, if its objectives are achieved, damage Australia's future abundance.

CNI asks "How can your vote in support of this Bill meet your expressed goal of integrity in politics and the Parliament – a significant factor in your election to Parliament? "

We look forward to your early response with anticipatory thanks

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