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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP  
Prime Minister  
PO Box 6022  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing to express concern at the Government's Future Gas Strategy, which appears to lock the Australian community into a higher dependence on the use of gas than is necessary. We acknowledge that further work is being done on decarbonisation strategies for certain industries. We seek your assurance that your Government will aim to minimise any dependence on gas to that which is unavoidable.

The need to move away from using all fossil fuels is urgent if Australia is to play its fair share in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and keeping the global average temperature increase below 1.5°C to minimise the harm from climate change.

Church leaders from across the globe continue to urge governments to rapidly phase out fossil fuels, including gas.

Together with the Pacific Conference of Churches the National Council of Churches in Australia is acutely aware of the responsibility Australia has to our Pacific Island friends, many of whom are truly on the frontlines of climate change harms already.

We note that three-quarters of Australia's gas is being exported, so developing new gas fields should not be necessary to meet domestic needs. Instead, more gas should be reserved to meet Australian domestic use where necessary.

We are also concerned that developing new gas fields for export also locks in other countries' dependence on gas and urge that the Australian Government move to phase out gas exports. To allow the multinational gas corporations to develop new fields will ensure the production of more gas than is necessary for decades to come.

Yours sincerely,

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