



**AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY  
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FROM THE AMBASSADOR**

1 September 2009

Ms Jennifer Croes  
Institute for Sustainable Futures  
University of Technology  
Sydney

Dear Ms Croes,

I congratulate the Institute for Sustainable Futures for being the organiser of the Australian consultation as part of the “World Wide Views on Global Warming” project (WWViews). Governments, scientists, and business people all have or have had access to formal mechanisms for putting forward their views on the crucial issue of climate change, its consequences and what we all need to do about it, so it is only fitting that the general public, through the WWViews project, also has an opportunity to channel opinions into the UN Climate Change Conference to be held in Copenhagen in December.

We face an extremely complex challenge in trying to prevent the potentially disastrous consequences of excessive global warming while at the same time enable humanity as a whole to enjoy improved living conditions and sustainable development. Australia is a very active participant in the international negotiations to address this challenge and is also contributing to solutions through domestic policy decisions, research and technological advances. I trust that the ideas put forward by the representatives of the Australian public on 25 and 26 September will constitute another practical contribution to resolving this global problem.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharyn Minahan', written in a cursive style.

Sharyn Minahan  
Ambassador