



Minister for Climate Change and Water

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Dear Dr Riedy

Thank you for your letter of 16 January 2009 concerning the project "World Wide Views on Global Warming". I apologise for the delay in replying to you.

Climate change is one of the greatest social, economic and environmental challenges of our time. The Australian Government is committed to ensuring Australia meets this responsibility through its climate change strategy, and has been using every opportunity to build consensus towards a strong post-2012 outcome under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The actions of individuals in responding to the challenge of climate change is equally important. The opportunity for the community to find a voice in the UNFCCC negotiation process is a valuable one and I am therefore greatly encouraged by the efforts of the World Wide Views on Global Warming. Through community consultations, such as the one planned by your organisation in Sydney on 26 September 2009, national governments have a valuable opportunity to directly access the climate change concerns and aspirations of the communities they represent.

I would like to be able to attend the Citizen Consultation in September. However, as I am sure you will appreciate, the international meeting schedule in the lead-up to the UNFCCC negotiations in Copenhagen is demanding. If I am unavailable in September, a senior representative of the Department of Climate Change will attend the consultation.

Thank you for bringing World Wide Views on Global Warming to my attention. I wish the project every success.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny Wong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Penny Wong

copy: Professor Stuart White
Director