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The Hon Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister of Australia
via website: www.pm.gov.au/contact-your-pm

The Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister of New Zealand
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Dear Prime Ministers

The EIANZ calls for our leaders to demonstrate our countries' commitments and capabilities at COP26

The Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand is the peak professional body for environmental practitioners in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. Through its Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct it sets a high standard for environmental practitioners to work to.

As wealthy nations we consider it is Australia's and Aotearoa New Zealand's responsibility to help the world limit climate change. As decent neighbours to some of the most impacted [island] nations, it is also our responsibility to lead, support and encourage rapid action to limit temperature rise and achieve globally agreed targets. And, as nations severely impacted by the effects of climate change (e.g., droughts, fires and floods increasing in frequency and intensity), and with resources that will be in high demand in a low emission global society, it is in our best interest to seize the opportunities and address the risks.

We request that our national delegations to the 26th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in Glasgow, October and November 2021 be the strongest that our nations can assemble and that they commit genuine efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and work effectively with other national leaders to develop and implement global solutions. We strongly encourage you, the Prime Ministers of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, to attend to clearly demonstrate our countries' commitments and capabilities.

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Climate change is a global challenge requiring global solutions. If Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand are not actively developing the solutions, then the outcomes will not be the best solutions for Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Jenkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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