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Hi s 22(1)

Thank you very much for this. Would you be comfortable with us providing the below wording in our response to Senator Pocock?

“Australia is committed to the actions under the common agenda for education and climate change, which includes encouraging the inclusion of education in our Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). s 47C(1)

Very happy for alternative suggestions – I understand the NDC is still in the production stage.

Kind regards

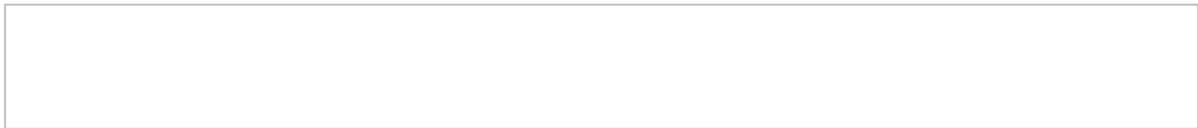
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I hope you are well. We have received the attached correspondence from Senator David Pocock on the UNESCO Greening Education Partnership.

I note that Senator Pocock addresses Australia's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) under the *Paris Agreement*. Could I please confirm whether Australia intended to update their NDC this year, and if so, whether education will be included?

We would appreciate advice by **this Friday**.

Kind regards

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SENATOR DAVID POCOCK
Senator for the ACT

The Hon Jason Clare MP

Minister for Education
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Clare,

I write to encourage the Australian Government to consider joining the UNESCO *Greening Education Partnership*.

The *Greening Education Partnership* is a global initiative that recognises the critical role of education in addressing climate change and environmental degradation.

Equipping young Australians with the skills and knowledge needed to understand and respond to the climate and biodiversity crises is essential if we are to build a more resilient and sustainable nation. These crises are already impacting the lives of Australian students, and the education system has an important role to play in preparing them to meet the challenges and opportunities of a rapidly changing world.

The *Greening Education Partnership* takes a whole-of-system approach, bringing together governments, civil society, intergovernmental organisations, the private sector, and youth to embed climate action across school systems. This aligns strongly with the growing call from educators, parents, and students across the ACT and Australia for more consistent, integrated climate and sustainability education.

In addition, I note UNESCO's call for countries to formally integrate education into their 2025 5-yearly updates of their Nationally Determined Contributions under the *Paris Agreement*. Ninety nations, including the United Kingdom, have already done so. Given Australia's commitments under the *Agreement*, and the government's focus on climate ambition, I urge the Government to include education in the next update of our NDC.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this further. Alternatively, my office can be contacted via [s 47F\(1\)](#) or [s 47F\(1\)](#)

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Pocock'.

Senator David Pocock

14 July 2025