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Non-Government organisation roundtable on climate change

Joint media release

The Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities. Senator The Hon Joe Ludwig, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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The Government has announced today the membership of the new Roundtable that has been established to engage the non-government organisations on the Government's climate change policies.

The Roundtable will include leaders from across the community sector, including unions, social services, environment groups and local government.

The introduction of a carbon price will reshape our economy. This new Roundtable will ensure that the views of the community are front and centre as we progress this important economic reform.

This new Roundtable will play a critical role in providing advice to the Government on the introduction of a carbon price, including issues of household assistance, jobs growth and sustainability surrounding climate change.

Community leaders understand that a healthy economy depends on a healthy environment. They also understand that the introduction of a carbon price will require careful work in order to protect jobs and to assist the community move to a low pollution future.

The NGO Roundtable will be co-chaired by the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, Greg Combet, and the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Tony Burke.

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Joe Ludwig, will also be a member.

The composition of the Roundtable reflects extensive discussion with community groups. To keep the Roundtable to a manageable size, the Government has not been able to accommodate all interested parties.

Ministers will continue to be available to discuss issues with all parties as we develop our policy position.

Member organisations of the NGO Roundtable and their representatives include:

- Australian Conservation Foundation, Don Henry
- The Climate Institute, John Connor
- World Wide Fund for Nature, Dermot O'Gorman

- Greenpeace Australia Pacific, Linda Selvey
- ClimateWorks Australia, Anna Skarbek
- Monash Sustainability Institute, John Thwaites
- Australian Council of Trade Unions, Ged Kearney
- Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union, Tony Maher
- Australian Workers' Union, Paul Howes
- Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union, Dave Oliver
- Electrical Trades Union, Peter Tighe
- Australian Council of Social Service, Cassandra Goldie
- World Vision, Tim Costello
- Brotherhood of St Laurence, Tony Nicholson
- Coast and Climate Change Council, Tim Flannery
- National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling, Ann Harding
- Australian Landcare Council, Snow Barlow
- North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance, Joe Morrison
- Australian Local Government Association , Geoff Lake
- Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Amanda McKenzie

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NGO ROUNDTABLE MEMBERS

Don Henry

Australian Conservation Foundation

Mr Don Henry has been Executive Director of the Australian Conservation Foundation since 1998. Previous to this, he served in various roles with the World Wide Fund for Nature including as Australian Director, Director of the South Pacific program, and Director of the Global Forests Program where he was based in Washington DC. He is a former Commissioner of the Australian Heritage Commission and former President of the Australian Committee for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Moreton Island Protection Committee. He served as Director of the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland.

Mr Henry co-chaired a global forest initiative with the World Bank designed to conserve 250 million hectares of forests and in 2008, was named Equity Trustees' Not For Profit Chief Executive Officer of the Year.

John Connor

The Climate Institute

Mr John Connor is Chief Executive Officer of The Climate Institute. He has previously served in roles at World Vision (where he co-convened the Make Poverty History campaign), the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales.

Mr Connor has also worked as a researcher for Dr Peter Macdonald, the Independent member for Manly, an environmental consultant to business and as a lawyer and research assistant in the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales.

Dermot O'Gorman

World Wide Fund for Nature

Mr Dermot O’Gorman has been Chief Executive of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)-Australia since August 2010. Previously he served as the Country Representative of WWF-China where he contributed to the establishment of a climate adaptation and wetland protected area network for the whole Yangtze River basin, the protection of 1.6 million hectares of panda landscape, and the promotion of an initiative with Chinese banks to green China’s investment into Africa and other developing countries.

Mr O’Gorman has also worked in WWF International headquarters in Switzerland, as WWF’s Regional Representative in the South Pacific, and as the Head of Government and Aid Agency Partnerships for WWF-UK.

Linda Selvey

Greenpeace

Ms Linda Selvey joined Greenpeace Australia Pacific as Chief Executive Officer after working in a variety of roles including as a medical doctor, cancer researcher and public health advocate. She has also held senior management positions in Queensland Health, including Executive Director, Population Health Queensland.

Ms Selvey has been Chair of the Queensland Conservation Council since 2001, represented Queensland on the Council of the Australian Conservation Foundation, and in 2007 was trained by Al Gore as a climate change presenter.

Anna Skarbek

ClimateWorks Australia

Ms Anna Skarbek is Executive Director of ClimateWorks Australia. She has recently returned from London where she was Vice President at Climate Change Capital, a specialist investment manager and advisor dedicated to raising and deploying capital for low carbon activities.

Previously, in Australia, Ms Skarbek was senior policy adviser for the Victorian Deputy Premier and Minister for the Environment and Water, an investment banker in Macquarie Bank’s energy and utilities team, and a solicitor with the national corporate law firm Mallesons Stephen Jaques. Ms Skarbek has also served as a director of The Big Issue Australia and a director of Amnesty International Australia, in roles including National Treasurer and Victorian President.

John Thwaites

Monash Sustainability Institute

Professor John Thwaites is a Professorial Fellow at Monash University, and Chair of ClimateWorks Australia and the Monash Sustainability Institute. He is a consultant at Maddocks Solicitors providing advice to the firm and its clients on climate change, water, sustainability and corporate social responsibility. He chairs the Climate Group in Australia, the Peter Cullen Water and Environment Trust, and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image. He is also a director of the Australian Green Building Council.

Professor Thwaites was also Deputy Premier of Victoria from 1999 until his retirement in 2007, where he served as the Minister for Health, Minister for Planning, Minister for Environment, Minister for Water, Minister for Victorian Communities and Victoria’s first Minister for Climate Change.

Ged Kearney

Australian Council of Trade Unions

Ms Gerardine (Ged) Kearney has been President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) since July 2010. She has also served in various roles with the Australian Nursing Federation, including as Federal Secretary from April 2008, and as a director of the HESTA Super Fund.

Ms Kearney became a registered nurse in 1985, and has worked in many areas across the public and private acute health sectors, predominantly in Melbourne, and has also been a nursing educator, including as manager of the Clinical Nursing Education Department at Austin Health.

Tony Maher

Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union

Tony Maher has been National President of the Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union (CFMEU) since 2004. He is also the General President of the CFMEU Mining and Energy Division, a position he has held since 1998. He is the Chairman of the ACTU Climate Change Group and a member of the International Executive of the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers’ Unions.

Tony represented the International Trade Union Confederation at the UNFCCC meetings in Bali (2007), Poznan (2008) and Copenhagen (2009). He has served as co-chair of the Carbon Storage Taskforce Community Acceptance Working Group, and has been a member of the National Carbon Storage Taskforce, the Prime Minister’s Energy Efficiency Task Force Advisory Group and the

NSW Government's Clean Coal Council.

Paul Howes

Australian Workers' Union

Mr Paul Howes is the National Secretary of the Australian Workers' Union (AWU), a position he has held since 2007. Mr Howes serves on a number of Boards including as a director of AustralianSuper and in 2008 was elected as Vice President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

Previously, Mr Howes was National Vice President of the AWU from 2005-2007, joined the National Office of the AWU in 2003 as the National Organiser and organised the Alumina, Mining and Steel industries for the AWU across the country. Mr Howes has worked for the union movement for more than 10 years, as a union delegate working for a peak trade union body and as an AWU official.

Dave Oliver

Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union (AMWU)

Mr Dave Oliver is the National Secretary of the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union. Dave became a member of the AMWU in 1981 and has worked with the Union for more than 20 years. He is a member of the Resource Sector Skills Taskforce Sub Committee, on the Board of AustralianSuper as a Trustee Director, and on the Executive of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU). He is also a member of the Automotive Industry Innovation Council (AIIC) and the Future Manufacturing Industry Innovation Council (FMIIC).

Dave was a key stakeholder in the Brack's Review of Australia's Automotive Industry and was formally on the Board of the Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Industry Training Advisory Body (MERSITAB).

Peter Tighe

Electrical Trades Union

Mr Peter Tighe has held the position of National Secretary of the Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia since 1995. He is also the Divisional Secretary of the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) division of the CEPU.

He was a member of the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission from 1995 to 2005, a member of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council and is now a member of the successive body Safe Work Australia.

Peter has represented his organisation and the ACTU on a variety of vocational boards and training committees, including the Central Trades Committee of Trades Recognition Australia - the interim advisory committee advising Government on the new National Licensing System.

Cassandra Goldie

Australian Council of Social Service

Dr Cassandra Goldie is the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS). Dr Goldie has an extensive career in the community sector in Australia and internationally working in human rights and law and justice.

Dr Goldie previously worked for the Australian Human Rights Commission as Director of the Sex and Age Discrimination Unit. She was formerly the Director of the Homelessness Legal Rights Project at the University of New South Wales, a consultant to UN Habitat, Solicitor in Charge of Client Services with Legal Aid in Western Australia, and Executive Officer of the Darwin Community Legal Service. Dr Goldie has also been President of the Northern Territory Council of Social Service and was an ACOSS Board Member from 2001-2002 and an ACOSS Law and Justice Policy Advisor from 2000-2006.

Tim Costello

World Vision

Mr Tim Costello is Chief Executive Officer of World Vision Australia. He is also currently Chairman of the National Australia Bank's community advisory council, a member of the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation, and Chairman of the Community Council for Australia, a peak body for the not-for-profit sector.

Mr Costello has led debates on a range of social issues such as gambling, urban poverty, homelessness, reconciliation and substance abuse. Mr Costello was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2005 and Victorian of the Year in 2004. Mr Costello founded Urban Seed, a not-for-profit Christian outreach service for the urban poor. Mr Costello also served as the Mayor of St Kilda in 1993, and was a Baptist Minister in St Kilda, and at the Collins Street Baptist Church.

Tony Nicholson

Brotherhood of St Laurence

Mr Tony Nicholson is currently Executive Director of the Brotherhood of St Laurence in Melbourne. Mr Nicholson was appointed in January 2008 as Chair of the Commonwealth Government's Steering Committee for the development of the White Paper on homelessness. Following the production of *The Road Home*, Tony was invited by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to Chair the PM's Council on Homelessness, an initiative to drive the implementation plan set out in the White Paper.

In recognition of this leadership, Mr Nicholson was appointed a member of the inaugural Australian Social Inclusion Board by the Prime Minister in May 2008. Mr Nicholson was appointed to the Victorian Premier's Climate Change Reference group in June 2008. He is also Chairperson of the Victorian Government's Community Support Fund Community Advisory Council.

Tim Flannery

Coast and Climate Change Council

Professor Tim Flannery is a Professor in the Faculty of Science at Macquarie University, represents Australasia for the National Geographic Society and is a director of the Australian Wildlife Conservancy. Professor Flannery is a scientist, explorer, and conservationist, and has published more than 130 peer-reviewed papers and many books, including 'The Future Eaters' and 'The Weather Makers'.

Professor Flannery was named Australian of the Year in 2007 and was Chair of the Copenhagen Climate Council from 2007-2010. He is also currently the Chair of the Coast and Climate Change Council.

Ann Harding

National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM)

Professor Ann Harding is the founder and inaugural Director of the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM), which she founded in January 1993. She is currently a Professor of Applied Economics and Social Policy at the University of Canberra.

Professor Harding has published widely on income inequality, poverty, and the distributional impact of government programs, and is a regular contributor to public policy debate in Australia. Prior to joining NATSEM, Professor Harding worked on policy and research within the Commonwealth departments of Social Security, Treasury, and Health, Housing and Community Services.

Snow Barlow

Australian Landcare Council

Professor Barlow is Foundation Professor of Horticulture and Viticulture at the University of Melbourne and Associate Dean (Strategic Relationships) in the Melbourne School of Land and Environment. He is a plant physiologist and agricultural scientist with research interests in plant water use efficiency, viticulture and impacts of climate change on agriculture, water management and global food security.

He currently chairs the Expert Assessment Panel of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry climate change R&D program and convenes the Primary Industries Research Adaptation Network of the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility. Professor Barlow is also a member of the Australian Landcare Council.

Joe Morrison

North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance

Mr Joe Morrison has been Chief Executive Officer of the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) since the organization's inception in 2003. Mr Morrison has been a leader in Indigenous caring for country for 20 years. He is also a member of various Australian Government advisory committees relating to Caring for Country.

Over the last decade, Mr Morrison has worked with Indigenous organizations and people across the northern Australia on matters relating to Climate Change, Carbon, protected areas and ranger development.

Geoff Lake

Australian Local Government Association

Cr Geoff Lake has been president of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) since 2008. Among his duties as president of ALGA, Cr Lake represents 565 Councils across Australian on the Council of Australian Governments. Cr Lake has been a councillor at the City of Monash since 2000 and works as a lawyer for Minter Ellison Lawyers. Cr Lake is also a board member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in Melbourne.

Cr Lake was previously Vice President of the Australian Local Government Association, President of the Municipal Association of Victoria, and Mayor of the City of Monash.

Amanda McKenzie

Australian Youth Climate Coalition

Ms Amanda McKenzie is currently National Director of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC), which she founded with Ms Anna Rose in 2006. Ms McKenzie represents Australian youth in discussions with Commonwealth Ministers, State Government representatives, business and industry representatives from Australia and around the world. Ms McKenzie and the AYCC have been a part of building the global youth movement on climate change, helping to organise the Global Youth Climate Conference in 2007 and 2008.

Ms McKenzie contributes widely to the debate on climate change in Australian and international publications. Ms McKenzie has been awarded the (joint) Young Environmentalist of the Year in 2009 and holds an Australian Leadership Award from the Australian-Davos connection. Previously, Ms McKenzie worked on climate change law and policy at PricewaterhouseCoopers and attended the United Nations Climate Negotiations in Bali in 2007 as an advisor and youth representative to the Australian Government's delegation.

NGO Roundtable Terms of Reference

- The roundtable is established to engage unions, environment and non-government organisations on the Government's climate change policies.
- The roundtable will serve as a forum for members to provide advice to the Ministers to help inform the positions that the Government takes to the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee.
- Discussions will focus on the importance of the introduction of a carbon price to supporting a sustainable economy, supporting jobs growth and safeguarding our environment. It will also discuss how to support the necessary investments in low pollution technologies, and how to assist the community to transition to a low pollution future, having particular regard for low income earners and pensioners. It may also cover a range of other climate change measures.
- The roundtable will meet monthly, or as required, until the end of 2011.
- Roundtables will be held in Canberra, unless otherwise agreed by the co-chairs.
- Involvement will be voluntary and no remuneration will be paid.