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Dear Dr Nott and the Community in Tathra NSW

I write on behalf of the Justice Committee of Catholic Religious Australia (CRA). CRA represents approximately 5,500 Catholic religious, women and men, throughout the nation, as well as many thousands of people working in organisations run by religious institutes. Our members and their lay colleagues work in education, health care and social services. We work with First Australians, refugees and asylum seekers, people surviving on the margins and many others in need of assistance. Many of us, in the spirit of Pope Francis' landmark letter, *Care of the Earth Care of the Poor* are working to raise awareness about the crisis of climate change as well as taking steps ourselves to avoid contributing to the many threats to the health of our environment.

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the extraordinary work you have done and continue to do for the planet. The 4 Corners programme on the ABC last Monday in which over 200 of you voted unanimously to work for 100% renewables by 2030 was amazing and heartening. You show the leadership needed in our nation to address the climate crisis, leadership sadly lacking in our major political Parties.

Thank you for taking the bold step you did this week. We congratulate you again and wish you every success in the crucial work you are doing for all of us and for our beautiful Earth.

Yours sincerely

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