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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 14 July 2023 9:13 AM  
**To:** Climate Reporting  
**Subject:** Response to Treasury on climate disclosure standards

Dear Treasurer,

I am currently a PhD student studying at Western Sydney University. I am reaching out to express my strong support for the Australian government's consultation paper on climate disclosure standards (Australian Government, Treasury, 26 June 2023). I firmly believe that these standards are crucial in expediting the transition towards a low-carbon economy in Australia.

Our team has studied carbon accounting, reporting and assurance in the last 13 years. Our team has been recognised as major contributors to the carbon accounting literature. As there is growing scientific evidence showing that climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time, it is important that we take steps to mitigate its impacts. By requiring businesses to disclose their climate-related risks and emissions, these standards will ensure that businesses and investors are aware of the climate risks and opportunities affecting their portfolios.

I am particularly pleased that the consultation paper proposes to align Australia's climate disclosure standards with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations, as well as the recently released IFRS and ISSB sustainability standards S2: climate-related disclosure. These standards are widely recognized as the gold standard for climate disclosure, and I believe that they would provide a strong foundation for Australia's own standards. The sooner these standards are implemented, the better. These standards will enable Australia to prepare for the challenges and opportunities of climate change and achieve net zero in 2050.

Once again, I express my wholehearted support for the proposed climate disclosure standards and urge you to move swiftly in their implementation. Together, let us strive towards a greener, more resilient Australia.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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