To The Hon Scott Morrison MP, 
Prime Minister of Australia

Dear Prime Minister,

We write to you as Pacific Islander leaders whose homelands and cultures face certain devastation from climate change. In the 2018 Boe Declaration on Regional Security, all Pacific Island Forum (PIF) members, including Australia, identified climate change as the region’s single greatest security threat.

Pacific island nations have long been leaders in driving global progress to combat climate change. However, Australia’s current Paris Agreement emission reduction target remains one of the weakest amongst wealthy nations.

In anticipation of the United Nations Climate Ambition Summit on 12 December 2020 and the next PIF Leaders meeting we call on your government to honour its international climate commitments and take urgent climate action by:

• Committing to net zero emissions by 2050 and developing a long term low greenhouse gas emissions strategy by 2021
• Cancelling Australia’s leftover Kyoto Protocol credits, which legally cannot, and morally should not, be used to meet Australia’s 2030 Paris Agreement target
• Doubling Australia’s current Nationally Determined Contribution in line with the 2014 advice of your independent Climate Change Authority
• Maximising the opportunities associated with the COVID-19 recovery package to boost the renewable energy sector and low emissions transport sector
• Providing new and additional funds beyond the current aid budget to finance climate mitigation and adaptation under the Paris Agreement, including contributing to the Green Climate Fund.

Australia needs the Pacific as much as the Pacific needs Australia.

As our children and grandchildren face unprecedented risks due to climate change, now is the time to stand together and work together to secure their future safety and prosperity.

Yours Sincerely,

Facilitated by the Pacific Calling Partnership (Edmund Rice Centre for Justice and Community Education), with support from a coalition of NGOs.

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