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Dear

I am writing to commend to you the Report launched on 11 October 2016 by Caritas Australia, **Hungry for justice, thirsty for change – Caritas State of the Environment Report for Oceania 2016** *(http://www.caritas.org.au/act/our-common-home/hungry-for-justice/hungry-for-justice-act).*

Research contributing to the report has highlighted the Pacific's vulnerability to extreme weather events that have resulted in a reduction in the availability of safe water and nutritious food.

In addition to looking at food and water, the report gives a comprehensive analysis of other environmental impacts such as extreme weather events, coastal erosion, flooding, rising seas, salination and offshore and deep sea mining and drilling.

The Report also explores the way forward through the possibilities of the Paris Agreement, Climate Finance and the urgent need for greater recognition and attention to 'loss and damage'.

Each chapter of the Report concludes with detailed recommendations to Governments in the Oceania region and other bodies.

I would ask you to make a statement to the Parliament and/or the local media in support of the report and its recommendations, including:

- Ratifying the Paris Agreement by the end of 2016.
- Taking immediate steps to transition to a low-carbon economy, setting national emissions targets in line with limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C.
- Contributing our fair share of global funding for climate adaptation in poorer countries, additional to our existing aid budget.
- Ensuring that the people most severely affected by climate change, including Pacific Island communities and First Australians, are directly involved in shaping the policy solutions.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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