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Mr Phil Johnston
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Dear Mr Johnston

Thank you for your letter of 31 December 2008 to the Minister for Climate Change and Water, Senator the Hon Penny Wong, concerning your proposal for preventative health business plans to assist in addressing climate change. The Minister has asked that I respond on her behalf. I apologise for the delay in replying to you.

The Australian Government is committed to addressing the challenge of climate change nationally and pursuing a global solution. This is one of the Government's highest priorities. To help Australia combat climate change and prepare for its effects, the Government has implemented a three pillar approach in building its climate change policy:

- reducing Australia's carbon pollution;
- adapting to unavoidable climate change; and
- helping to shape a global solution.

The Government is providing support through a number of programs to assist households and individuals in reducing their energy use and improving their carbon footprints. This Department unfortunately does not have program funds available for the type of proposal set out in your letter and accompanying CD ROM. We wish you every success for your future endeavours.

Thank you for bringing your proposal to the Minister's attention.

Yours sincerely

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