

# Climate Disaster Levy

## An open letter to Australian politicians

We call on all Australian politicians to support a ***Climate Disaster Levy*** to be imposed on fossil fuel exports from Australia, to contribute to addressing the large and increasing costs of climate change.

Climate change is increasing the frequency and severity of most extreme weather events and disasters, including heatwaves, floods and bushfires. The cost of meeting these impacts cannot and should not be the sole burden of Australians or the Australian Government.

Australian coal and gas exports add over one billion tonnes of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere every year and are the country's largest contribution to global emissions. However, these companies make little to no contribution to paying the costs of climate change.

The *Climate Disaster Levy* would be a fair, equitable and economically responsible way to meet the increasing costs of natural disasters as a result of climate change for all Australians. The funds raised could also protect jobs by assisting impacted industries and create new jobs in climate adaptation.