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The Hon Josh Frydenberg MP
Minister for the Environment and Energy
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Australian Coastal Society (ACS) may I congratulate on your appointment as Minister for the Environment.

The ACS is a professional incorporated body which advocates for enhanced national and state coastal planning and management.

Whilst management of the coastal zone is constitutionally a State government issue there are a number of critical issues which go beyond traditional state boundaries including the mitigation of climate change and how to adapt to its coastal impacts and nationally consistent planning of coastal development. I have attached our national policy which we presented to your predecessor in the run up to the recent federal election.

I probably do not need to point out to you how many non-capital city coastal electorates are now marginal as a result of this election and hence how critical addressing the above issues will be in this term of Government.

The ACS had excellent relations with your predecessor and as a Victorian myself, he and I were able to meet to discuss coastal management issues whilst he was both a Minister, and prior to that as a shadow Minister. I hope I will be able to do the same with you.

Again congratulations on your appointment - there is no more critical portfolio than Environment as it addresses major challenges of the present and future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoffrey C. Wescott". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Associate Professor Geoffrey Wescott
President, Australian Coastal Society Ltd

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