



# ACS

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Dear The Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP,

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Australian Coastal Society (ACS), established in 2004, is dedicated to healthy ecosystems, vibrant communities, and sustainable use of coastal resources. ACS promotes knowledge and understanding of the environmental, social and economic value of the Australian coast, and encourages sustainable use of coastal resources and responsible stewardship of coastal assets.

The Australian Coastal Society works in close collaboration with the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF) which aligns with our goal to foster rational, open decision-making in order to achieve sustainable use of coastal resources and responsible stewardship of coastal assets.

CoastAdapt is an authoritative source of information on climate change induced coastal hazards and associated risks to Australian coasts, and a useful guide to preparing for and responding to these risks. CoastAdapt includes tools and information on the science of climate change, risks, effective response options, and likely costs of action. It makes use of national data sets and research outputs developed over the past 5 years by Australian scientific organisations and includes clear guidance on good practice and links to case studies.

The concern of the Australian Coastal Society and its more than 180 members has always been whether the federal government would decide to continue its investment in coastal adaptation, like we see at NCCARF, to ensure that Australia as a whole is better equipped to tackle the challenges of not just the new climate era, but also the disasters that can hurt communities and the economy tomorrow.

ACS supports the need for the continued funding of NCCARF beyond June 2017 to continue its work developing user-friendly products that support climate adaptation, as well as supporting the adaptation capacity of Australia, through their outreach activities, conferences and networks which are currently well attended by ACS members and other coastal practitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peta Leahy'.

Peta Leahy  
*President*  
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