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The Hon Greg Hunt MP
Minister for the Environment
Liberal Party of Australia
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

The Australian Coastal Society is a professional association representing the interests of coastal advocates across the nation.

We are strong promoters of managing toward healthy coastal ecosystems, vibrant coastal communities and the sustainable use of coastal resources. Our coastline is as diverse as the communities that use and enjoy it and is regarded as a national treasure loved by all.

We have been disturbed by the lack of interest so far demonstrated by our national political parties in coastal conservation, and in particular with the impacts climate change is having on a coastal zone already under enormous pressure from expanding population.

Both of these factors demand a national response, rather than leaving it to under-resourced local and state governments to undertake all the 'heavy lifting'.

We urge you to raise coastal conservation, planning and management as a national interest in the remaining weeks of this election campaign and to instigate the attached national policy as soon as you are elected.

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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