



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Environment and Energy**

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Ms Peta Leahy  
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Dear Ms Leahy

Thank you for your letter to the Minister for the Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, concerning funding for the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF). The Minister has asked me to reply to you.

I am pleased to hear the value of NCCARF's work to the Australian Coastal Society and its members. The NCCARF has undertaken extensive consultation to ensure CoastAdapt is responsive to user needs, and the tool has clearly benefited from this.

Since 2007 the Government has invested \$56 million in NCCARF to expand our knowledge and ability to manage the risks of the changing climate.

The Government has announced a new partnership between the NCCARF, CSIRO and the Department of the Environment and Energy to bring together expertise on climate resilience and adaptation.

The partnership will build on our existing tools and guidance that support improved climate risk management. Through the Partnership the Government will enhance CoastAdapt and make data and information on climate and adaptation accessible and useable.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Chris Johnston  
Assistant Secretary  
Climate Change Policy Branch  
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