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Dear Mr Rudd,

We congratulate the Australian Labor Party on its forward-thinking policy discussion paper, 'Our Drowning Neighbours', which takes up the issue of climate change in the Pacific Islands region and acknowledges Australia's responsibility to accept 'climate refugees'. We are encouraged by the Party's readiness to recognise the need to both reduce our own greenhouse gas emissions and to assist those most vulnerable to the effects of climate change, especially our closest neighbours, whose fundamental security is at stake.

We support the policies proposed in the discussion paper. If they were to be implemented, Australia would be leading the way in a climate change policy that acknowledges and responds to the protection of internationally recognised human rights. We urge you to express your public support of the proposed policies and take the initiative to ensure that they are integrated into the Labor Party's election platform in 2007.

Yours sincerely,

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‘Our Drowning Neighbours’ can be accessed on the website of Mr Anthony Albanese MP: www.anthonyalbanese.com.au

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