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The Hon Angus Taylor MP  
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Dear Minister Taylor *Angus*

I am pleased to see the Commonwealth supporting emissions reduction and the transition to renewable energy through the bilateral agreements it has entered with South Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales. Action to address climate change is also a priority for the ACT Government.

The ACT Government would welcome establishing a similar agreement with the Commonwealth, and I previously wrote to you in February 2020 to invite discussion on how the ACT and the Commonwealth could collaborate on a number of projects.


As you would know, the ACT hosts a significant footprint of Commonwealth Government operations. Direct investment by the Commonwealth to reduce emissions across its own building and property portfolio, and its significant ACT-based transport fleet, present immediate emissions reduction opportunities in the ACT. I would be happy to share with you the ACT Government's experience of reducing emissions in its own building and transport portfolios.

There are several emissions reduction projects underway in the ACT that would provide ideal opportunities for co-investment with the Commonwealth, for example:


- The ACT is delivering a disaggregated network of large scale battery storage, known as the Big Canberra Battery project. The project will provide 250 MW of power increasing the energy resilience and security of the ACT. There is an opportunity to work with the Commonwealth to further explore the potential of this technology and its application in the capital.


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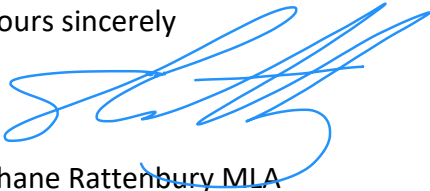
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- The ACT is investing \$1.5 million to roll-out EV-charging infrastructure in the capital. An opportunity exists to co-invest directly with the ACT and expand the network and support the growing EV charging industry. Investment could also be made to accelerate the development of innovative charging technology.
- Work is progressing to transitioning the ACT's municipal fleet to zero emissions vehicles – including heavy vehicles like waste vehicles and trucks. The market for zero emissions heavy vehicles is significantly less mature than that for passenger vehicles and there are opportunities to demonstrate what is feasible both for emerging hydrogen and battery electric technologies. The Commonwealth could partner with the ACT to implement a large-scale pilot of zero emissions municipal vehicles, and in the process accelerate the expansion of these technologies in Australia.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these potential projects with you further, as well as others that may be eligible for funding in the ACT.

Yours sincerely



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