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**INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S ORGANISATION WANTS MORE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN AT
CLIMATE TALKS AND URGES STRONGER EMISSIONS PLEDGE**

The Women's Climate Congress (WCC) is calling on the Australian government to increase its pledge at upcoming international climate talks to very much higher level of reduction in carbon emissions by 2030. This is needed to take account of the total volume of greenhouse gases that can be emitted to the atmosphere if we are to keep temperature rises to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius. All countries must reach net zero before we exceed this volume cap to prevent excess heating from being locked in.

WCC is also urging the Morrison Government to ensure that women are included in equal numbers and at all levels of all decision making associated with Australia's position going into COP26 and during negotiations at COP26 in Glasgow in November.

"Women are half the population, are the primary carers of the young and are most impacted by natural disasters. Our voices and priorities must be fully and equally represented at every level of the negotiations" said WCC Founder, Dr Janet Salisbury.

WCC is an independent network of women from all walks of life and political views. It works to inspire mediation and collaboration across political parties for a just climate transition.

"Beneath the divisive political and social discourse, we are parents, grandparents, lovers of nature and concerned citizens who want a safe future for our children and grandchildren" said Dr Salisbury.

With a 'code red for humanity' alarm set by the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report the WCC is asking all parliamentary representatives to respond to the concerns of their electorates by setting aside party politics and collaborating for strong positive action for the sake of current and future generations.

"If all members of federal parliament work cooperatively with the relevant scientists on a common purpose – building on the technological innovation, creativity and opportunities that currently exist – surely we can ensure jobs and wellbeing for all, and a safe, just and sustainable future" concluded Kirsten Anker, a founding member of the WCC.

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