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Dear Alex

Subject: Your email concerning action for climate change

Regarding your correspondence to the Minister for Planning, The Honourable Frank Sartor, the Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

To guide its correspondence to the greenhouse challenge the NSW Government has established the NSW Greenhouse Plan which sets out the framework for reducing greenhouse emissions, including meeting a 60 percent reduction from 2000 levels by 2050 and reducing greenhouse emission levels to 2000 levels by 2025.

The plan can be accessed at www.greenhouseinfo.nsw.gov.au It describes a range of legislative and other initiative aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon rights legislation, controls on land clearing, and the establishment of the Energy Savings Fund.

Regarding the built environment, the Plan includes a commitment to set minimum greenhouse emission reduction standards for new commercial buildings. Measures such as minimum insulation levels, energy efficient lighting and performance glazing to control heat gain are included. These measures will apply to buildings such as offices, shops, restaurants, health care facilities and schools.

Regarding residential development, the Building Sustainability Index (BASIX) commenced on 1 July 2004, as a mandatory component of the development assessment process, and requires all new residential dwellings across the state to reduce greenhouse emissions and water consumption.

The Minister recently announced the next phase of BASIX including an increase in the energy targets, funding for a cogeneration pilot project in a high-rise building and the expansion of BASIX to incorporate alterations and additions to existing houses. I have enclosed a copy of the announcement for your information.

I hope that this information demonstrates that the NSW Government is acting on the issue of climate change. The personal effort that individual members of Balmain Rozelle Climate Change are making to reduce carbon dioxide from their own homes is appreciated.

On behalf of the Minister, thank-you for corresponding in this important matter

Yours sincerely

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