To: Professor Ross Garnaut

cc: The Hon Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister
cc: The Hon Wayne Swan, Treasurer
cc: Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change and Water

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Submission to the Garnaut Climate Change Review

Dear Professor Garnaut,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this Review and for the work you and your team have been doing. We have appreciated the high quality of the Interim Report and the other thematic papers and also the opportunity to participate in some of the public forums you have conducted.

World Vision Australia has already contributed to two other general submissions, namely those of the Make Poverty History campaign, and the Climate Action Network Australia. We endorse those submissions and in the interests of brevity, we will not seek to repeat material substantially from those submissions. Instead we confine our remarks here to a number of more specific issues.

Most of the issues we raise in this submission are fairly technical, related to the risks associated with the complexity of the climate system, some concerns about the economic modelling of climate change policy, and the need to consider the likelihood of future oil price shocks in assessing our capacities and responses to climate change. We also raise the need for children’s perspectives to be brought into the policy deliberations.

We would be happy answer any questions or provide you with any further documentation in relation to any of the issues addressed in this submission.

Regards,

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