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Dear Sir,

As GHG emission levels continue to rise towards a tipping point, there is growing concern for the melting of the Greenland and West Antarctic ice caps. If those ice caps melt, sea levels are projected to rise by 7 metres.

When considering the issues for your report, I ask that you undertake the following simple task. Mapping Authorities will be able to assist.

Take a contour map of a portion of the coast of Australia (I suggest the most populous from Newcastle to Wollongong or from Geelong to the Mornington Peninsula) and plot the 7 metre contour. Then colour all the land below that contour to represent the area of land that would be inundated if sea levels rise to that height.

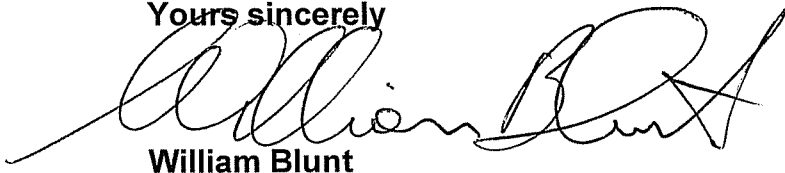
Consider the impact of such inundation on the communities within that area. How will Australia cope with the inundation of its railways, roads, ports, housing, schools, businesses etc?

What is the estimated cost to relocate those facilities and the communities? Who will pay? What will be the impact on our economy?

If you doubt that such a sea level rise is possible, I recommend you conduct a risk analysis. Whilst a few years ago it would have been a low risk, today the risk is steadily climbing. At what point do we decide to take action?

Once a tipping point is reached, melting will be inevitable with the catastrophic consequences for our future generations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Blunt', written in a cursive style.

William Blunt