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Dear neighbour,

**A message from your local community group, Mount Alexander Sustainability Group**

As a local group who has worked for a long time in our community to see Australia move to a renewable energy future, we are glad to see our government working to put a price on carbon.

**Introducing a carbon price will finally make polluters responsible for the pollution that they cause and could help start the shift to a country powered by clean, renewable energy** that will never run out. It will also help us tackle climate change. A well designed carbon price is not a tax on ordinary Australians but is tax on 1000 of Australia's largest polluters.

Over the past three months we have spent time in our community talking to people about renewable energy. We have found that that **92% of people in our area support policy that will drive jobs and investment in renewable energy.**

However, **right now we are worried because some of the richest multinational companies in the world are trying to get out of taking responsibility to pay for their pollution.** And we know the government – and with them our own elected MP Steve Gibbons – is under pressure to give in to these interests.

BHP, for example is trying to get out of its responsibility for its pollution by claiming that it needs compensation. The truth is that under a carbon price BHP would likely pay around \$338million\* a year - less than 1% of its annual profits! **If they don't pay for their pollution now, during a time of record profits, then we are concerned that they will never be made to pay.**

If the government gives in to the polluters like BHP it will put the costs of tackling carbon pollution back on to us - the Australian community - and will mean there is less money for your household and for renewable energy, the only source of power that gets cheaper the more we install.

**Today we are calling on Steve Gibbons, as our elected representative to stand up to the big polluters** and ensure the money from a carbon price goes to Australian households and into helping make renewable energy available for all Australians.

We want to see the government commit at least \$2 billion of the carbon price revenue to fund clean, renewable energy. This amount is small compared to the \$12 billion a year that the government already gives of our tax money to subsidising polluting companies\*

**At this important moment in Australia's history we need our elected representative to stand up FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY and represent us – the community.**

If you want to see Steve Gibbons commit to renewable energy and stand up to the big polluters, please let him know.

**Email: Steve.Gibbons.MP@aph.gov.au**

**Call: (03) 5443 9055**

Cheers from the team at Mount Alexander Sustainability Group who are working toward a clean, renewable energy future.



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