A policy plan to improve public health - Letter 2021

Sent October 2021 - A coalition of health organisations, including Dietitians Australia, presented a policy plan to improve public health. This was an open letter sent to the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, and the Hon. Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health.

Letter excerpt

Already in Australia, the impacts of climate change are adversely affecting the health and well-being of Australian communities and burdening our healthcare system.

As climate change drives more extreme weather, creates food insecurity, contributes to the spread of infectious disease, and undermines our mental health, our health services are under immense pressure to respond accordingly.

The health impacts of climate change can only be prevented with ambitious efforts to:

- Cut our greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduce our reliance on fossil fuels for energy and transport
- Support our health system to be resilient and sustainable in the face of worsening climate impacts

Our current policies are inadequate to protect the health of Australians and meet our international obligation to contribute fairly to restoring a safe climate.

For more read the open letter.

Get in touch

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