

The Pamela Anderson Foundation

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The Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk M.P
Via Email: thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au

Dear Minister,

I arrived on the Gold Coast this week after spending almost a month following news about the devastating fires in Australia. I realize that, for some, now is a sensitive time to broach the subject of climate change, but I trust you will agree that having these difficult yet important conversations now might save lives in the future.

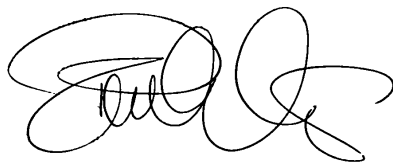
As you've already noted, the science is clear: climate change has played a key role in the severity of this year's bushfires. But acknowledging this is only half the battle. Australia has one of the highest greenhouse-gas emissions per capita of any nation, largely driven by one sector: animal agriculture. Just as your government is surely working on emissions-saving energy and transport policies, you could lead by example by implementing a climate-friendly vegan food policy for government functions, along with transitioning the menu at Sometimes Strangers' Restaurant at Parliament House to an all-vegan one.

The United Nations and leading scientists are calling for the reduction or elimination of animal-derived food consumption as a matter of urgency, and in the largest study of its kind, researchers at the University of Oxford concluded that **cutting animal products from our diets is the "single biggest way" to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and conserve water and land.**

Australia is burning. It's time to listen to scientists and take direct action. Just as firefighters are focusing on the most active parts of the fire first, it's up to the government to take steps toward emission reductions now, starting with your next meal.

PETA and I would be happy to work with your team to implement a climate-friendly vegan food policy for the Queensland government, as well as assisting chefs in creating delicious plant-based dishes that can help protect the future of Queensland, its people, and its wildlife. I hope to have the opportunity to help you launch it.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pamela Anderson', with a stylized, cursive script.

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