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This Declaration is a voluntary, non-binding statement of shared direction, open for endorsement by governments, businesses, investors, multilateral institutions, First Nations and Pacific leaders, workers, and civil society. It does not create legal obligations, and endorsement does not imply agreement with every measure referenced within it.

We, the leaders of government, industry, investment, philanthropy, First Nations communities, and civil society, gathered in Perth, Western Australia from 18–20 October 2026 for **Global Citizen NOW: Perth**, in the lead-up to COP31;

Recognising that Western Australia’s renewable resources, critical minerals and industrial capabilities position it to demonstrate how a resource-producing economy can build new green industries, create skilled jobs for the future and contribute to the global energy transition;

Recognising that electrifying the world with clean, reliable power to every home, business, and community that still lacks it, is the central lever of a just energy transition and one of the defining ambitions of **Global Citizen NOW: Perth**;

Aware that hundreds of millions of people across the Indo-Pacific still lack reliable electricity, a gap that falls hardest on rural communities, women and girls, and First Nations and Pacific peoples, and that the accelerating impacts of climate change that are driven by the production and use of fossil fuels are making resilience an increasingly urgent necessity;

Convinced that the choices made across the Indo-Pacific, including the Indian Ocean region this decade on energy, industry, and investment will shape the trajectory of the global transition and scale of climate impacts far beyond the region;

Drawing on the Paris Agreement, including its goal of pursuing efforts to limit the increase in global average temperature to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, and achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions in the second half of the century, the outcomes of the first Global Stocktake, the global commitment to triple renewable energy capacity and double the rate of energy-efficiency improvement by 2030, and the commitment to transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems in a just, orderly and equitable manner, we recognise that the task ahead is to translate these global commitments into practical delivery.

Recognising the essential role of universities, research institutions, Indigenous knowledge holders and technical experts in informing credible policy, accelerating innovation and ensuring that public and private investment decisions are grounded in evidence; and

Determined to translate the ambition of this summit, including efforts to expand reliable electricity access to up to 4 million homes and deliver at least 2.5 gigawatts of additional renewable energy capacity, into commitments that can be tracked, reported, and delivered ahead of COP31 an

implementation COP focused on turning global climate commitments into measurable delivery and beyond.

DECLARE THE FOLLOWING SHARED COMMITMENTS

I POWERING PEOPLE: UNIVERSAL ENERGY ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

We support expanding access to reliable, affordable clean electricity through renewable, resilient and low-emissions energy systems, alongside digital connectivity as inseparable foundations of health, education, poverty alleviation, and economic opportunity. Reliable electricity changes lives: it means a child can study after sunset, a vaccine fridge keeps working, a health clinic can safely deliver babies, and a small business can stay open. Almost 750 million people are living without reliable electricity today, trapping communities in extreme poverty, a notable result of almost 200 years of the fossil fuel-based energy system.

We call on governments to set clear, funded targets and streamlined permitting for universal electricity access, in a manner that does not increase the size of the fossil fuel system, and also call on multilateral development banks, climate funds and private investors to prioritise blended finance for last-mile renewable energy, distributed generation, transmission, storage and resilient power systems serving underserved communities, and to replicate proven models across the Indo-Pacific and beyond.

II BUILDING THE CLEAN INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE

We recognise Western Australia as a global resources and energy powerhouse and the world's leading supplier of iron ore. Its extensive renewable energy resources, critical minerals endowment and established industrial base provide a strong foundation for the State's efforts to develop green iron, low-emissions steel, renewable hydrogen and responsibly sourced and processed critical minerals, and to convert its existing industrial strength into the clean industries of the future.

This development must be guided by robust environmental and social safeguards, responsible sourcing standards, circular-economy principles and strong protections for biodiversity and water. It must also ensure meaningful participation and equitable benefit-sharing with affected First Nations and local communities.

We call on governments to close the gap between project pipelines and projects delivered through durable policy certainty, and on industry and investors to back credible projects with offtake agreements, infrastructure investment, and technology transfer, and to match these with clear commitments to end the expansion of new fossil fuel projects and to plan the phase down of existing infrastructure, wherever they arise.

III MOBILISING THE CAPITAL AND CLIMATE FINANCE THE TRANSITION REQUIRES

We are mindful that governments cannot finance this transition alone. We call on development banks, sovereign and pension funds, climate-finance mechanisms and private investors to unlock the investment required to electrify our world and accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels, including investment in renewable energy, transmission, storage and clean industrial infrastructure. We also call on governments to match that ambition with stable policy frameworks that enable capital to be deployed at scale.

We acknowledge that Pacific nations and small island developing states face constraints of debt and fiscal space and call on COP31 to deliver concrete progress on climate finance, including financing approaches that do not deepen these burdens.

IV PROTECTING OUR OCEANS, NATURAL SYSTEMS, AND GREEN TRANSPORT

We recognise that healthy oceans and coastal ecosystems are essential to climate stability, food security, livelihoods and community resilience. We support the protection and restoration of blue-carbon ecosystems, including mangroves, seagrasses and saltmarshes, and other nature-based solutions that strengthen resilience across the Indo-Pacific.

We are mindful that the ocean lies at the centre of the climate crisis, with rising temperatures driving coral loss and biodiversity decline, contributing to sea-level rise and intensifying the storm surges that threaten coastal communities. We recognise that the ocean is not only something this transition must protect, but also a potential source of clean energy through responsibly developed offshore wind, wave and tidal power. We therefore commit to supporting healthy oceans, coastal ecosystems and climate resilience as integral parts of the transition, not separate from it.

We support the shift to green transport, from electrified public transit to low-emissions shipping and logistics, as a further pillar of this transition.

V A TRANSITION BUILT BY EVERYONE

We further support a transition that is not only fast but fair, retraining workers moving out of high-emissions industries, and ensuring the good, secure jobs this transition creates are accessible to the communities that need them most as well as guaranteeing social protections for individuals and communities involved in the transition.

We recognise the distinct contributions of:

- **Governments** in setting enabling policy;
- **Workers** in shaping fair transition plans;
- **First Nations, Pacific peoples** and other Indigenous Peoples in guiding decisions affecting land, water community;
- **The Private Sector** in mobilising investment and innovation;
- **Civil Society** in implementation and accountability;
- **Young People** as partners in shaping climate ambition; and
- **Academia and Research Institutions** in advancing the evidence base for credible decisions.

Women and Girls, whose leadership is essential to a credible climate response and who are too often first to bear the cost of unreliable energy, must be central to how this transition is designed and delivered.

VI REGIONAL SOLIDARITY ACROSS THE INDO-PACIFIC

We call for deeper, sustained cooperation across the Indo-Pacific and Indian Ocean, including among Australia, Pacific Island countries, Asian partners and Indian Ocean states, on energy security, climate finance and industrial transition. This cooperation must deliver concrete partnerships, shared infrastructure, research collaboration and joint investment, not statements of intent alone.

We also call on COP31 to capitalise the Pacific Resilience Facility as a Pacific-led vehicle for climate and disaster resilience financing, and to ensure Pacific priorities anchor the outcomes of the Conference's Action Agenda. That capitalisation must not begin and end at COP31: we call for sustained, growing contributions to the Facility in the years that follow, matched to the scale of the risks Pacific communities face.

VII ACCELERATING THE TRANSITION AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS

We note that none of this is possible without an orderly and equitable transition away from fossil fuels, guided by the Paris Agreement and the outcomes of the first Global Stocktake, consistent with pathways that keep 1.5°C within reach and achieve global net-zero emissions by 2050, and directed towards building a stable, liveable global economy. The ongoing production, licensing, consumption and subsidisation of fossil fuels must be addressed. Emissions reductions should come first from real, verifiable cuts across operations and value chains; carbon offsets and removals must not substitute for feasible reductions.

We commit to the global goal of 35 per cent clean electrification of final energy by 2035, recognising that many regions, including our own, must move faster and further to align with the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit.

We take note of the International Court of Justice's advisory opinion on climate change adopted by the UN General Assembly and its contribution to the evolving understanding of international climate law.

We acknowledge its recognition of 1.5°C as the primary temperature goal of the Paris Agreement and the need for NDCs to reflect the highest possible ambition.

We recognise that an orderly and equitable transition and obligations pertaining to the protection of the climate system requires attention to the continued production, licensing, consumption and subsidisation of fossil fuels. Emissions reductions should be driven first by real, verifiable cuts across operations and value chains, with carbon offsets and removals complementing, rather than substituting for, feasible reductions.

We further recognise that public finance and fiscal policy must be aligned with this transition. Consistent with the Belém Declaration on the Transition Away from Fossil Fuels, we call for the phase-out of fossil fuel subsidies as soon as possible and the redirection of public support towards renewable energy, electrification and a just transition, while protecting vulnerable households, workers and communities.

We also encourage continued consultation among governments, industry and other stakeholders on potential fiscal measures, including appropriately designed levies related to fossil fuel production and pollution, and on how any revenues raised could support clean energy, adaptation, loss and damage, and resilience, particularly in climate-vulnerable developing countries and Pacific small island developing States.

We welcome the growing international conversation around a well-managed transition, including the proposed Fossil Fuel Treaty and the outcomes of the Santa Marta Conference on Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels, and call on COP31 to give due consideration to those outcomes and provide clear direction toward the second Conference, to be hosted by Tuvalu with the support of the Government of Ireland.

We further call on COP31 to welcome the COP30 Presidency's launch of the Transitioning Away from Fossil Fuels Roadmap, with a view to its implementation being carried forward at COP32 in Ethiopia.

We commit to using our platforms to build the political, industrial, and cultural support this transition needs to become a driver of jobs, security, and prosperity.



We thank the Government of Western Australia and the City of Perth for their partnership in hosting **Global Citizen NOW: Perth**, and for their leadership in decarbonisation, renewable energy, and green industry.

We acknowledge the Government of Australia for its leadership, and President of Negotiations for COP31 and further acknowledge Türkiye as host and President of the Conference.

We welcome the Pacific-focused Pre-COP hosted by Fiji and the Leaders' event hosted by Tuvalu, ensuring Pacific priorities are central to the road to COP31.

We commit to carrying the announcements, partnerships, and commitments made in Perth forward to COP31 and beyond, and to being held publicly accountable for them.

We further support the establishment of an inclusive civil society dialogue to promote continued engagement with, and follow-up to, the principles and shared commitments set out in this Declaration. The scope, participation, structure and modalities of the dialogue will be developed through further consultation with civil society and other relevant stakeholders, with the aim of creating a practical mechanism for collaboration, shared learning and accountability on progress.

Global Citizen will maintain a public register of endorsements and associated actions and will convey this Declaration and its register to the COP31 Presidency as a contribution from Perth to the Conference so that Perth is remembered not as a moment of ambition alone, but as a moment where ambition became delivery.

ANNEX A

COMMITMENTS ANNOUNCED AT GLOBAL CITIZEN NOW: PERTH



NOTE: *Commitments and announcements made at Global Citizen NOW: Perth will be added here once a consolidated, confirmed list is available, and will be updated on the road to COP31.*

COMMITMENT / ANNOUNCEMENT	SECTOR	ORGANISATION(S)	SCALE OR VALUE

Full details will be published in the Global Citizen public register of endorsements and commitments.

ANNEX B

A CALL TO ENDORSE

The scale of the task ahead demands more than words. We call on every government, business, investor, and institution that shares this vision to turn ambition into action: to endorse this Declaration and commit to at least one concrete, trackable step toward it. This Declaration is offered as a living statement, open to voluntary endorsement by governments, businesses, investors, First Nations and civil society.

Endorsement is voluntary and non-binding; it does not create legal obligations and does not imply agreement with every measure referenced in the Declaration. We invite each endorser to identify one voluntary action, partnership, or commitment to be associated with their endorsement, recorded below and carried forward to COP31 and beyond.

ORGANISATION & REPRESENTATIVE	SECTOR	VOLUNTARY ACTION OR COMMITMENT	EXPECTED MILESTONE

A DECLARATION, CARRIED FORWARD

AMBITION BECOMES **DELIVERY.**

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