

**STATEMENT FROM THE MILGROM FAMILY – NAOMI MILGROM AC, ADAM MILGROM, BEC MILGROM AND JAKE MILGROM-MARABEL**

“We are proud to support Climate 200 in its mission to support local communities and their independent candidates fighting for action on climate change, equality and integrity.

The world is at a critical moment. We know our planet faces a monumental challenge and that Australia needs the kind of participation in the political process that puts that challenge front and centre.

We need our political representation to respond to the concerns of its citizens. This is the purpose of Climate 200.

The most recent IPCC reports have only strengthened our conviction that we need to act now. We feel even more strongly after seeing the commitments made by other countries at COP26.

Australia is one of the countries best placed to take advantage of the transition to a renewable energy-powered economy, but we need ambitious climate policy, including legislated targets, to achieve this.

We are supporting Climate 200 because we believe we need more independent politicians who follow science rather than political ideology, represent the grass roots of our communities and support fair and transparent government.

We would encourage other concerned citizens to unite in this support. We know we are better together and hope you join us in this push for a safe climate and fairer future for all.”

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*Quote attributable to Naomi Milgrom AC:*

“The time has passed where climate change is an opportunity for points-scoring between the major political parties or pandering to interest groups. Our focus should be on the world to be inherited by future generations.”

*Quote attributable to Bec Milgrom:*

“Australia is failing to keep up with our global peers on climate targets and continuing to invest in new fossil fuel projects. Enough is enough. It’s time for stronger, more direct and authentic voices in Parliament willing to make the long term, forward thinking decisions we need to ensure a climate safe future for all.”

*Quote attributable to Jake Milgrom-Marabel:*

“The work of strong independents has demonstrated that they are the best hope we have to ensure strong action to address climate change and integrity within politics. Climate200 gives us the opportunity to be part of this momentous occasion.”