

Dear Mr Hunt, Mr Botten and the AGL Board,

**Re: Legal action against Greenpeace Australia Pacific**

As Australia's single biggest climate polluter, AGL must play a key role in Australian climate action and our transition towards clean energy.

We are alarmed by the recent legal action initiated by AGL against Greenpeace Australia Pacific. We see this as a direct affront to free speech and the ability of our organisations to hold corporations to account on urgent climate action. The ability to publicly call out corporations, businesses, governments and individuals that are standing in the way of this action, without fear of litigation or retribution, is key to this work. We firmly believe that it is critical that charities, not for profits, comedians and members of the community retain the right to criticise, parody and satirise corporations using their logo without the threat of litigation.

We call on you to drop this unnecessary attack on civil society and redirect your time, resources and focus toward creating a plan for AGL's future that includes an urgent transition to clean renewable energy. This must include bringing forward the closure of your coal-burning power stations to 2030, at the latest, as this is the critical deadline for Australia's coal fleet to be replaced with clean electricity such as solar, wind and clean storage to help avoid catastrophic climate change and its impacts.

AGL also has a responsibility to its workers and their communities to ensure a fair and just transition to renewable energy and needs to begin making plans now for the phase out of coal power. This includes establishing new, realistic closure timelines, and programs to support affected staff and contractors, their families and communities, including with retraining and redeployment and making a clear plan for the rehabilitation of AGL's coal power stations and mines. This is the only feasible option that will ensure the future prosperity of AGL, its workers, communities and our environment.

We look forward to your response on this important matter.

Sincerely,

