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The Hon Kevin Rudd MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Rudd:

Re: YOUR APPEARANCE ON CHANNEL 9'S 'SO MINUTES', SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2008 and NUMBER OF IPCC SCIENTISTS ON WHOSE ADVICE OUR AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BASES ITS CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY

Congratulations on your election to Prime Minister.

In your interview on '60 Minutes' on Sunday, August 17th, 2008 I was surprised to hear you say the following words copied below for you from the program's transcript:

PM KEVIN RUDD: Well, I just look at what the scientists say. There's a group of scientists called the International Panel on Climate Change - 4000 of them. Guys in white coats who run around and don't have a sense of humour. They just measure things. And what they say to us is it's happening and it's caused by human activity.

As I'd previously heard IPCC claims that it bases its policy recommendations on 2,500 or so scientists, I was surprised to hear you raise the figure to 4,000. Could you please explain why you raised the figure to 4,000 and advise the number of IPCC scientists on whose advice your government builds its climate change policy?

Looking forward to your response on this important topic of climate change.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Roberts