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Hi s22 – just some minor edits.

Many thanks

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Dear all

Thank you for your contributions so far to Australia’s seventh National Communication on Climate Change to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The Department of the Environment and Energy has been busy working everyone’s contributions

into a coherent and clear National Communication, while ensuring we meet reporting guidelines and respond to feedback received from the UNFCCC on the last National Communication.

Please find **attached** the following chapters, which include reference to policy or programs relevant to your work, for **your review and approval** by **COB Thursday 12 October**.

- Chapter 4: Policies and measures
- Chapter 6: Climate change vulnerability and adaptation
- Chapter 8: Research and systematic observation

We are sending these chapters as a package, as together they present the climate change mitigation, adaptation and climate science policies and programs relevant across your Departments/agencies. Looking at these chapters together may help with your review process.

In your review and approval, please consider the following:

- Review and approve the text across all three chapters as it relates to your policy or program area only.
- Focus your review on accuracy of statements only, rather than editorial rewording.
- In some cases, there are comments indicating where we are seeking clarification on a particular aspect of work. Please address these comments as they apply to you, but don't limit yourself to these comments.
- The National Communication as a whole is running close to its maximum number of pages; please limit the addition of new information to crucial pieces only.
- Please add any appropriate references to the end of the chapter.
- Please make any changes in track; this will help us identify and compile the changes.

This is your final opportunity to review how your policy or program is reported. Please seek the appropriate level of clearance within for your contribution only.

We are working on a tight timeframe to ensure the delivery of the report to the UNFCCC on time; as such we would appreciate if we could work together to meet the **COB 12 October** deadline. If there are difficulties, please be in touch as soon as possible so we can manage appropriately.

If you have any specific concerns about a chapter, please contact:

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Kind regards

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Case study: Torres Strait region

The Torres Strait region is made up of more than ~~400~~300 islands, located between mainland Australia (in north Queensland) and Papua New Guinea. [The region's environmental and cultural values are of national and international significance.](#) Climate change brings risks to the Torres Strait region's environment, community health and wellbeing, and local economies, infrastructure and services. Some communities in the Torres Strait are already being impacted by rising sea levels and many of the region's coral reefs have been [severely](#) impacted by increased sea surface temperatures.

The Torres Strait Regional Authority, in collaboration with partner organisations, developed the [Torres Strait Climate Change Strategy 2014-2018](#) which considers local climate change projections, likely impacts and actions aimed at addressing knowledge gaps and addressing risks. In December 2016, the [Torres Strait Regional Adaptation and Resilience Plan 2016-2021](#) was released. It assesses climate change risks in greater detail for a number of areas. The Plan identifies actions to reduce climate risks and build regional and community resilience.

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