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Re: "Build Back Better" or is it Just Words!

Householders' Options to Protect the Environment (HOPE) Inc. is urging all levels of Australian government to move beyond rhetoric and implement concrete, long-term solutions to combat the adverse impacts of climate change. The call comes in response to the increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather events across the country, which many Australians feel are not being adequately addressed.

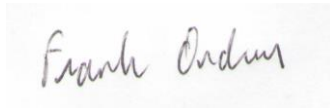
Frank Ondrus, Office Manager at HOPE Inc., draws on his own experience to illustrate the urgency of the situation. "Here in Toowoomba, we experienced a terrible rainfall event in 2011 that devastated much of Southeast Queensland," Ondrus recounts. "At the time, the scale of the flooding was unprecedented. Now, it seems every natural disaster is labelled 'unprecedented,' and we hear politicians promise to 'build back better.' But when will we actually see meaningful action?"

In response to these concerns, Mrs Anna Kula, President – HOPE Inc., has posed several critical questions:

- What are some of the proposed long-term solutions to combat the adverse impacts caused by climate change?
- What are examples of these solutions in action worldwide, and what have been the results?
- What is Australia currently doing or considering doing to reduce the adverse impacts of climate change? Who is leading these efforts, and how can the public support them?
- Conversely, what is Australia *not* doing? How can we raise awareness of long-term solutions that are not being actioned or considered in Australia?

Mr Meet Karan Rana, a HOPE Inc. supporter, echoed the sentiment, emphasizing the need for accountability. "The world is in terrible shape, and we all need to do better," he stated. "This means holding politicians to account and doing our bit to call them out. If we all put our heads together, we should be able to do something that can make a difference."

HOPE Inc. is committed to advocating for better long-term solutions to the climate crisis and invites collaboration from individuals, community groups, and other organizations. This organization believes that a collective effort is essential to drive meaningful change and ensure a sustainable future.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Frank Ondrus". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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