Your name and address

Date

**To the Sustainability Manager of** <INSERT BANK NAME> **, via the <INSERT BRANCH NAME> branch Manager,**

I am writing to ensure you are aware of why I have decided to close my account with <INSERT BANK NAME>. I have been with <INSERT BANK NAME> for <length of time> and recently became aware of the extent to which <INSERT BANK NAME> is financing major fossil fuel projects in Australia.

 <INSERT BANK NAME> is clearly a major supporter of the coal and gas sector, for example having loaned billions of dollars to coal and gas export projects in the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area over the past five years.

Coal and gas are driving an array of unacceptable environmental risks, from the degradation of groundwater resources to the industrialisation of the Great Barrier Reef, loss of critical wildlife habitat and of course, climate change. I don’t want my money helping an institution that is funding these destructive projects, especially when there is a wealth of clean, renewable energy alternatives available. And yes, I am aware that you also finance renewable energy projects – this is of course important and worthy but I don’t support the idea that you would at the same time fund fossil fuels, the source of so many adverse environmental impacts.

I also consider it an economic risk to retain my money with <INSERT BANK NAME>. There is a growing awareness of the fact that fossil fuel assets will become unstable as the world moves to combat climate change. I do not want my money with a bank that is investing in assets that may soon become stranded, and companies whose value may plummet as the world turns away from fossil fuels.

I have tried to communicate my concerns about these environmentally and economically dangerous investments in the past but it appears that <INSERT BANK NAME> has chosen to carry on supporting fossil fuels.

As a consequence, I have decided to move my money to a bank that will not finance coal and gas projects. It is a move made to ensure my own finances do not support an industry that is polluting the environment, and I hope my action will also make <INSERT BANK NAME> reconsider future investments in the fossil fuel sector. I hope you do not have to receive too many more letters like mine before you realise that investing in fossil fuels is no longer viable or responsible.

If there is anything you would like to say directly in relation to this letter, you are welcome to write back to me.

Yours sincerely,