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Dear Dr Kanga

Thank you for your letter of 4 July 2018 regarding the proposal to declare 4 March each year as World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability. I am replying on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

I acknowledge the important work of engineers in addressing the risks of climate change and progressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Engineers play a key role in developing new technologies and in building resilience to climate change.

I congratulate the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) on the recent signing of a joint declaration with UNESCO to progress the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The principles for action outlined in the declaration are positive and reinforce the important contribution of engineering solutions to ongoing sustainable development.

The WFEO's proposal to establish a World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability is commendable, and Australia is supportive of the proposal. Australia takes the challenge of climate change seriously. We are committed to the Paris Agreement and have a suite of international and domestic policies to tackle climate change and enhance sustainability.

I wish WFEO well in its efforts to declare 4 March each year as the World Engineering Day for Climate Change Action and Sustainability.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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