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Dear Medibank,

I am a customer of yours and I'm dismayed to hear that Medibank has millions of dollars invested in fossil fuel companies including the likes of Santos, Whitehaven Coal and Glencore.

These companies are the primary sources of carbon emissions causing dangerous climate change, which is already having measurable impacts on public health.

Fossil fuel extraction, transportation and combustion also directly cause pollution and ecological destruction - having terrible impacts on human health across the globe and in Australia. One clear example of this is the growing concern over miners in Queensland and New South Wales being diagnosed with black lung disease and other respiratory illnesses.

The Lancet, the world's foremost medical journal has described climate change as the "biggest global health threat of the 21st Century". Here in Australia, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) divested from fossil fuels in 2015, saying:

"The RACP is committed to leadership in reducing the adverse health impacts and realising the potential health benefits of climate change. As a first step in reducing its own carbon footprint, in 2015 the RACP decided to divest from all financial holdings in or directly linked to fossil fuel industries."

I find it incredibly hypocritical that a company claiming to be "for better health" is invested in fossil fuels when the latest research suggests that they are causing a global health catastrophe.

Please reply to this email to let me know what, if any, plans Medibank has for divestment from fossil fuels and taking a strong stance in favour of strong action on climate change.

For the record I would like to state that for the reasons outlined above, I want a health insurer that is not investing my money in the fossil fuel industry and never will. If you are unable to guarantee this, then I will start looking for an alternative insurer that can.

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Joy