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COP31 draft deal calls for 'accelerated action' to exit fossil fuels

CHENNAI – 17 Nov, 2026 COP31 co-host Australia released the first draft of a broad political deal on Monday (November 16, 2026) that includes a call for nations to speed up the phaseout of planet-heating coal, oil and gas.

The draft decision needs ultimate approval by nearly 200 nations at the UN climate summit in Turkiye where the future of fossil fuels has been among the most heated issues.

The proposed agreement lays out the competing positions of governments in Antalya and underscores how far apart they remain with a consensus deal due by Friday.

The draft "calls for accelerated action to phase out fossil fuels, including through the immediate transition away from fossil fuels in energy systems".

It also evokes "deep concern" over the impending breach of the Paris accord's 1.5C target and recognises the "central role of the best-available science" of the IPCC, the global authority on climate change.



Many countries, particularly in Europe and climate-vulnerable developing nations, have pushed for a reference to the IPCC and urged a faster exit from fossil fuels in the final text.