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Dear Alan

**RE: Options for an Expanded ACT Electricity Feed-in Tariff Scheme**

The Clean Energy Council (CEC) is the peak body representing Australia's clean energy and energy efficiency industries. Its priorities are to:

- create the optimal conditions in Australia to stimulate investment in the development and deployment of world's best clean energy technologies;
- develop effective legislation and regulation to reduce energy demand and improve its efficient use; and
- work to reduce costs and remove all other barriers to accessing clean energy.

The CEC advocates the development of policies on behalf of its members at federal and state government levels and promotes understanding of the industry and its potential through channels such as industry events, forums, conferences, newsletters and publications. The clean energy industry includes generation of electricity using wind, hydro, solar, biomass, geothermal and ocean energy as well as the emerging technologies and service providers in the energy efficiency sector, which includes solar hot water and cogeneration.

The CEC welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the review of the Australian Capital Territory Feed-in Tariff.

The CEC believes that gross feed-in tariffs are the best way to drive the deployment of small-scale renewable energy technologies and as the consultation paper for this review indicates the current ACT scheme has been very successful. We therefore commend the ACT government for its ongoing commitment to a gross feed-in tariff and welcome the opportunity to respond to this review.

Ultimately, the CEC would like to see a would like to see consistent gross feed-in tariffs introduced across Australia and we urge the ACT government to push for this through COAG. These should be based on a tariff rate of between \$0.30 – \$0.50 and a lifetime of 15 -20 years.

In terms of the current review looking at options for an expanded feed-in tariff the CEC would like to make the following comments:

The CEC supports the expansion of the scheme to support the deployment of bigger systems. There is a large untapped market for larger-scale PV systems to be deployed (above 30kW), however without specific support for these type of systems this potential will remain largely untapped

The CEC believes that the best way to do this is to introduce a separate feed-in tariff that applies directly to larger (commercial) scale systems and is paid for by this part of the market. This will ensure that support is able to be directed to both households and larger size systems, ensure that support for larger-scale systems does not divert support away from household scale technologies and avoid the cross-subsidisation from householders to the commercial market.

The CEC supports the concept of introducing capacity caps in these markets, but they need to be set at levels that ensure the long-term growth of the industry and avoid a boom-bust cycle. More analysis needs to be carried out to identify the potential size of these different markets to allow for realistic capacity caps to be set. It is unclear whether the analysis in the consultation paper is based on the potential for solar PV within ACT.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss our views on the proposals within the consultation document in more detail.

Yours sincerely



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