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National Energy Market Branch
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources
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To The Manager

RE: Submission on the National Electricity Law (NEL) and National Electricity Rules (NER) consultation process.

I write on behalf of the Renewable and Sustainable Energy ROUNDTABLE (ROUNDTABLE). The ROUNDTABLE's members include all the national industry associations representing the various technologies, products and expertise that comprise Australia's renewable and sustainable industry including the Renewable Energy Generators of Australia (REGA), the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) and the Australian Wind Energy Association (AusWEA).

REGA, the BCSE and AusWEA have all made substantive submissions and the ROUNDTABLE supports the thrust in these representations, in particular:

- Concerns about the exclusion of technology neutrality in the proposed new objective and the interaction of the new objective with the proposed process for Rule making;
- The tabling of the NEL and NER in the South Australia Parliament prior to the release of findings from the processes already underway to address concerns in the National Electricity Market (NEM); and
- The effect of these proposed changes on the viability of existing renewable energy projects.

The ROUNDTABLE expresses serious concerns about the proposed changes and asks that solutions proposed on behalf of the national industry by the above mentioned groups be seriously considered and adopted.

Yours sincerely

Hon Peter Rae AO
Chairman