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Dear Secretary

WASEA'S SUBMISSION – National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 (the Bill)

The Western Australian Sustainable Energy Association Inc (WASEA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Bill 2007 (the Bill).

WASEA is the peak body for the sustainable energy industry in Western Australia and offers support to members, undertakes activities for the benefit of members, and lobbies governments to promote an economic and legislative environment that encourages the development and uptake of sustainable energy solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

WASEA's particular interest in the Bill is to see that it supports the accurate, detailed and comprehensive national reporting of greenhouse gas emissions in support of effective measures leading to the significant reduction in emissions required to avoid dangerous global warming.

WASEA's primary concern is that the Bill, at Section 5, seeks to exclude laws of the States which currently provide for the collection and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and energy use. WASEA is concerned that the regulations made as contemplated by the Bill will have a negative effect on the deployment of low emissions and renewable energy technologies, and a consequence of the impact of those regulations will be to impair on existing and contemplated state based measures for the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

WASEA would be concerned if provisions in the Bill (including in relation to reporting thresholds, secrecy provisions and transfer of information) had the effect of limiting the amount or type of information available needed to effectively administer the State based measures. WASEA does not support measures in the Bill that would render unworkable any State based measure in advance of the Commonwealth implementing comprehensive and superior greenhouse reduction measures.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on (08) 9323 5910 or via email chair@wasea.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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