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Please respond to bruce

Dear Caroline,

I recently received a letter from Jenny Lindell, Chair of the Inquiry into the Energy Services Industry of the Victorian Parliament, requesting a submission to the inquiry.

We occasionally make submissions and attend inquiries:

- Greenhouse Challenge for Energy - 3 submissions
- Essential Services Commission re the electricity distribution pricing review.

Considerable time and effort has gone into this. Our line is consistently "greenhouse pollution needs to be taken very seriously".

Nonetheless the Victorian government has:

- recently put forward a draft ruling, the electricity distribution pricing review, which will lower electricity prices, and is therefore expected to increase electricity consumption and per se generate up to three quarters of a million tonnes of greenhouse pollution per year
- decided to extend the coal lease for the Hazelwood power station.

Both of these decisions will cause greenhouse gas emissions that dwarf the energy and greenhouse gas savings that we typically identify for our customers. These decisions make a mockery of our work and a mockery of our serious attempts to put forward persuasive arguments to the contrary. They are also evidence of a government which is inconsistent in its approach to the greenhouse challenge, and which, in our opinion, is not serious about a whole of government sustainability agenda.

The reason our energy services business exists is because of our concern about the impact of energy use on the climate. Government inconsistency, which on the one hand says "yes, we agree, this is a very serious problem", yet makes rulings to the contrary do our business great disservice.

Rather than make a written submission I would much rather meet face to face and personally make a presentation to the parliamentarians on the committee.

Kind regards,

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