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Regards,

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16 December 2013

Hon Ian MacFarlane
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Sir,

Thank you for focusing attention on the government's energy policy through the development of a new Energy White Paper.

Expert scientific reports at the international level make it clear that increased emission of CO₂ is leading to climate change. (see IPCC reports). One doesn't need expert scientific opinion to identify the impact of quite small increases in temperature on health, biodiversity, national security and food supplies.

Expert economic opinion (The economics of climate change. Prof. Nicholas Stern 2006, Ross Garnaut 2011 Climate Change Review) recommends the earliest possible move by national economies, away from exploitation of fossil fuel to sustainable energy resources.

An effective energy policy must provide the foundation for the following:

Development of an emissions trading scheme of CO₂

Begin the phasing out of coal mining, starting with a moratorium on new mines and exploration.

Begin the phasing out of coal seam gas exploitation with a moratorium on new production and exploration.

Direct resources to establishment of Australian renewable energy industries. Existing Australian technology has demonstrated its readiness to replace fossil fuels with sustainable energy generation. (eg Beyond Zero Emissions project) Our country has ample solar energy and ample land area for wind farms.

Support Australian renewable energy research and technical development through bodies such as the Clean Energy Finance Corporation.

Development of an Australian energy policy that gives Australia credibility and respect on the international stage of climate change response.

Minister MacFarlane the government's responsibility on energy policy goes way beyond the 3 year electoral term and immediate issues such as domestic electricity prices.

Yours faithfully

Joy Scott