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Senator Christine Milne
Leader of the Australian Greens
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Dear Senator Milne

Re: Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill

Engineers Australia is the peak body for engineering practitioners in Australia, representing all disciplines and branches of engineering. With membership of over 100,000 Australia wide, Engineers Australia is represented in every state and territory. The Sustainable Engineering Society is a constituent body of Engineers Australia and a primary point of contact on sustainability issues.

Engineers Australia's formal position outlines a commitment to ensure that atmospheric emissions are appropriately costed and that the costs of greenhouse gas emissions be borne by emitters of greenhouse gases in proportion to their relative discharge.

The engineering profession plays a central role in creating solutions to mitigate the extent of climate change and also in creating innovative solutions to adapt our environment to these changes. In the absence of an operating alternative carbon-pricing regime, we think that repeal of the clean energy legislation would be a poor policy decision.

Engineers Australia has as its Code of Ethics a tenet to promote sustainability, which commits its members to "engage responsibly with the community and other stakeholders; practice engineering to foster the health, safety and wellbeing of the community and the environment; and balance the needs of the present with the needs of future generations." It is within this context that we are calling on Senators to vote against the clean energy repeal bills and we would welcome your support in this endeavour.

I would be happy to arrange a personal briefing with senior members of Engineers Australia and our Sustainable Engineering Society to outline our views on this issue. Should you have any questions about this letter or our positions more broadly, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by email at ABaitch@engineersaustralia.org.au.

Yours sincerely

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