



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Energy

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Dear Ms Conboy *Paula*

Re: Department of the Environment and Energy's submission to AER Review on its Regulatory Tax Approach

I am writing regarding the Department of the Environment and Energy's submission on the AER's Discussion Paper for the Review of its Regulatory Tax Approach made on the 23 November 2018.

As part of our submission, we suggested the AER had not closely consulted with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) in the preparation of the Discussion Paper. Based on information now provided to me, it is clear that this was not the case, and the ATO had in fact been consulted on multiple occasions. I wish to correct the implication made in our submission and sincerely apologise for any suggestion that the AER's process was inadequate.

I remain hopeful that the Department's submission will be of use in helping the AER determine a calculation of company tax liabilities that is in the long term interests of consumers.

Please contact me on [REDACTED] if you wish to discuss any component of the Department's submission.

Yours sincerely

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Rob Heferen
Deputy Secretary
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10 December 2018