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Member for the Agricultural Region

Hon Colin Holt MLC
Deputy Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005

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Dear Mr Holt

PETITION NO 108 – STATE OWNED ENERGY CORPORATIONS

I write in response to the petition tabled in the Legislative Council on 20 February 2019, regarding state owned energy corporations. While the conforming petition only contained one signature, I also noted a non-conforming petition couched in similar terms that contained 125 signatures.

A group of passionate Esperance citizens have been working tirelessly to develop a community based energy cooperative model that would allow the community of Esperance to have ownership over a renewable energy service.

As requested in the petition, they are seeking the Legislative Council make changes to the selection criteria used by State owned energy entities when seeking new power suppliers to include communities and renewables in power generation.

I encourage the Legislative Council to investigate the opportunity to include community based co-operatives and increased renewable energy options within any future tender process for new power purchase agreements.

The petition also makes reference to a Western Australian Renewable Energy Target, and I encourage the Legislative Council to also investigate the benefits of establishing such a target.

Should you wish to discuss this submission further, please do not hesitate to contact my office on 9071 6555 or email colin.degrussa@mp.wa.gov.au

Kind regards



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