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Senate Select Committee on Scrutiny of New Taxes
Australian Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Committee Members

Re: Inquiry into carbon tax

CQ RESCUE operates an aero-medical & search and rescue rotary wing service from Mackay in Central Queensland.

The agreement between CQ RESCUE and CHC Australia (the largest helicopter provider in the world) is for a wet-lease of helicopter along with crew members and helicopter engineering support.

This service is provided free of charge to all Australian residents.

Our operational costs are approximately \$5 million per annum. This figure varies from year to year depending on the number of tasks carried out by the rescue helicopter.

In the financial year ended 30 June 2011, the Mackay-based rescue helicopter flew 431 missions, totaling 835 flying hours.

This number of flying hours equates to 601,200lbs (341, 591 litres) of fuel.

The Board of CQ RESCUE respectfully requests our not-for-profit lifesaving organization be exempt from paying the carbon tax on fuel costs.

Yours faithfully

Dr Peter Bastable OAM MB Bch BAO FACEM
Chairman, CQ RESCUE

MISSION STATEMENT

To reduce mortality, reduce pain and suffering, and improve the quality of survival in cases of severe medical trauma and acute illness in Central Queensland.