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Committee Secretary  
Senate Select Committee on Scrutiny of New Taxes  
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Dear Secretary,

### **Inquiry into Carbon Tax Pricing Mechanisms**

I write in support of the submission made by the Australian Council of Trade Unions dated 15 August 2011 to the Senate Committee on Scrutiny of New Taxes.

The Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union supports the overall thrust of the Australian Government's Clean Energy Future package, noting the complementary measures around assistance for "gassy" coal mines, the Carbon Capture and Storage program and measures for communities strongly affected by the package.

The CFMEU supports the ACTU suggestions around improved industry policy components to the Clean Energy Future package, with the goal of maximising the benefits to Australian industry of the shift to cleaner technologies.

The CFMEU believes that coal mining and coal use have a strong future in a carbon-constrained world – provided that they are transformed into low emission industries. The development and commercialisation of low emission fossil fuel technologies will not come about sufficiently rapidly through carbon pricing alone, but it is essential that carbon pricing be implemented as part of creating the rationale for the shift to low emission technologies.

Yours sincerely,

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