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Ms Christine McDonald  
Secretary  
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Parliament House

Dear Ms McDonald

### **Inquiry into the Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014**

Thank you for your correspondence of 26 August 2015, inviting the Clean Energy Regulator to provide a written submission addressing issues that may be of relevance to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee.

The Clean Energy Regulator notes that it has been identified in the *Motor Vehicle Standards (Cheaper Transport) Bill 2014* as being accountable for administration of the standards.

The Clean Energy Regulator recognises that the measures proposed in the Bill may complement the legislated schemes that the Clean Energy Regulator administers at present. However, the systems and processes currently in operation for those schemes would need to be considerably adapted or supplemented to accommodate the proposed functions. Consequently the Clean Energy Regulator would require additional resources to build and operate the relevant capabilities. The budgetary implications would be a matter for the government to consider were it to support the Bill. It is possible that there may be greater synergy with the functions of an agency other than the Clean Energy Regulator, enabling the outcomes to be achieved at a lower cost.

Finally the Clean Energy Regulator understands that technical issues relating to the Bill will be covered in a separate submission to be made by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development. The Clean Energy Regulator has provided information to the Department to assist it in finalising its consideration of those issues.

Yours sincerely

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