



19 May 2011

The Secretary
Senate Select Committee on the Scrutiny of New Taxes
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

By email to newtaxes@aph.gov.au

Dear Secretary,

Carbon Price Mechanism

AGL Energy welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Select Committee on the Scrutiny of New Taxes inquiry into a carbon tax. AGL is a strong supporter of the introduction of an Australian emissions trading scheme with an effective long-term emissions reduction target as its goal.

AGL Energy (AGL) is the leading investor in renewable energy in Australia. AGL operates across the supply chain and has investments in coal-fired, gas-fired, renewable and embedded electricity generation and electricity retailing. AGL is Australia's largest private owner, operator and developer of renewable generation in Australia with 1,073 MW of renewable capacity (at 30 June 2010). AGL is also a significant retailer of energy with over 3 million electricity and gas customers.

Please find attached three documents which form the basis of this submission:

- AGL's recent submission to the MPCCC (Attachment 1);
- The AGL Greenhouse Gas Policy (Attachment 2); and
- A paper by two AGL economists which was also submitted to the MPCCC (Attachment 3).

Should you have any questions in relation to this submission, please contact me at tnelson@agl.com.au or on (02) 9921 2516.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Nelson'.

Tim Nelson
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