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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Concern regarding repeal of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Act**

I am the Director of Sustainable Business Pty Ltd, a niche management consultancy that provides advice and services to government and businesses on energy efficiency policy and practice. I have advised both business and government on the design and implementation of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Act. Further, I recently completed my PhD thesis which explores how and why energy management practices have changed in Australian organisations over the period 2006 – 2012. With the modifications made in 2013 to reduce administrative overhead, it is my view that the Act would continue to play a central role in delivering cost effective and efficient private and public benefits.

Rational, effective and efficient policy making requires an 'evidence based approach'. Continuation of the scheme would be consistent with the "ten principles for Australia Government policy makers" as outlined at <https://www.cuttingredtape.gov.au/handbook/ten-principles-australian-government-policy-makers>.

Evidence on the effectiveness and efficiency of the legislation is shown in the following documents:

- The Five Year Results Report (<http://energyefficiencyopportunities.gov.au/results-and-participants/program-results/five-year-results-reports/>)
- The independent program review undertaken by ACIL Tasman (<http://energyefficiencyopportunities.gov.au/results-and-participants/program-results/five-year-results-reports/>)
- The research conducted and reported in my PhD dissertation (<http://www.climatechangestrategy.com/#!/phd-thesis/c1odg>)

The available evidence strongly supports continuation of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Act. In the interests of 'evidence based policy making' I would encourage the committee to recommend that repeal of the Energy Efficiency Opportunities Act should not proceed.

Yours faithfully,

**Patrick Crittenden**

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