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Dear Mr Neville,

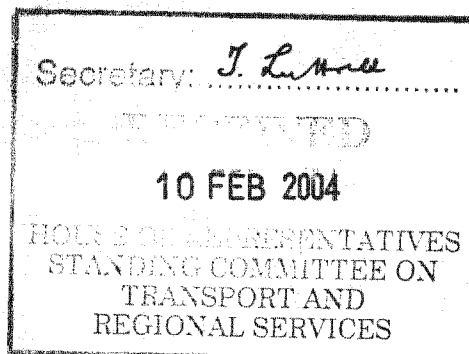
## **INQUIRY INTO PRIVATISATION OF REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

The Australian Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association (ALPGA) wishes to thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide a submission to the inquiry.

We note from the terms of reference that, amongst other things, the committee is considering the benefits and disadvantages of privatisation in the power and industrial manufacturing factors.

More than a million households and businesses, particularly in regional Australia use LPG as a fuel. LPG is an abundantly available, locally produced fuel capable of serving both the domestic and export market well into the future. LPG makes a significant contribution to the diversity and security of energy supply in Australia. The enclosed ABARE paper "Supply and Research Study 2000-2020" confirms an abundance of Australian produced LPG for domestic and export supply to 2020 and beyond.

Around 70% of LPG is consumed in regional Australia. This comprises both a significant contribution from the autogas market and the use of LPG in the traditional market (residential, commercial, industrial manufacturing, farming, agricultural processing and remote power generation).



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LPG supplies 2% of total Australian energy use and autogas provides between 7% and 8% of road transport energy. There are more than 500,000 LPG powered vehicles in use in Australia today which includes 15,000 taxis, 100,000 business and government vehicles and 400,000 private vehicles. More than \$3.2 billion has been invested by the LPG industry and consumers in supply, distribution and production infrastructure as well as vehicles. The industry supports employment for around 15,000 people.

The LPG industry makes a major contribution to greenhouse gas reduction and improved air quality through a reduction in air toxics, carbon monoxide, particulates and oxides of nitrogen. LPG contributes to improved air quality in rural and regional environments in the replacement of wood burning heaters and high kilometre usage of LPG vehicles. Detail is provided in the enclosed information papers "LPG - The Clean Transport Alternative", "Liquefied Petroleum Gas as an Automotive Fuel" and "ALPGA - Industry Development".

The key areas of performance for greenhouse gas and emission reduction are in the following areas:

- Motor transport
- Forklifts
- Alternative to electricity for home heating, hot water and cooking
- Power generation

The ALPGA can provide further background information if the committee requires it.

Yours sincerely



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*LPG – The Clean Transport Alternative - 2003  
ALPGA – LPG Industry Development – 2003  
ALPGA – Supply Research Study 2000-2020 – 2003  
Liquefied Petroleum Gas as an Automotive Fuel - 2002*

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HELD BY THE COMMITTEE**

**ATTACHMENTS TO SUBMISSION NO. 32**

**ATTACHMENTS, APPENDICES AND PHOTOGRAPHS PROVIDED WITH  
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