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House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

For the attention of Environment and Heritage Committee

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Dear Sir/Madam

Inquiry into a Sustainability Charter

Please find attached the Arup submission to the Inquiry into a Sustainability Charter. Arup endorses the development of the Charter to provide leadership, coordination and aspiration for sustainability at a national level.

As a group of multi-disciplinary engineers, planners, project managers and specialised consultants, we seek to conduct our business and undertake our projects in alignment with the overall goals of sustainable development for the benefit of our clients, the wider community and future generations. Arup's core value is "we shape a better world" and this is applied as a part of everything we do. Under this vision, we have incrementally developed innovative and creative solutions that protect and enhance the environment and society, and generate enthusiasm for sustainability amongst the beneficiaries.

We therefore believe Arup are well placed to offer advice in the development of a Sustainability Charter for Australia. We regard the call for submissions as an opportunity to transfer our experience in holistic and innovative thinking to the wider Australian community.

The submission responds to the Sustainability Charter Discussion Paper and in particular to the questions posed for consideration. The responses do not seek to provide solutions to all of the questions, but rather contribute to the discussion derived from our breadth of experience. Arup would be pleased to offer further advice or services should any more information or input be required.

Yours faithfully



Robert Care
Chairman