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Mr Michael McLean
Secretary
Senate Environment, Communications,
Information Technology & Arts Legislation Committee
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Dear Mr McLean,

KYOTO PROTOCOL RATIFICATION BILL 2003 (No 2)

The Australian Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association (ALPGA) wishes to thank the Committee for the opportunity to comment on the policy issues raised by this Bill.

As an industry which makes a major contribution to greenhouse emission reduction, we strongly support a comprehensive framework of Australian and international initiatives. Greenhouse emission reduction is a significant social, economic and environmental concern. Our industry supports active policies that reduce emissions. There should be support and involvement of government, industry and the community with policies delivering outcomes at least consistent with those contained in the Kyoto Protocol.

We also support a careful strategy to minimise immediate economic impact to the economy while ensuring that the medium to long term economic gains are able to be realised through an active and ongoing greenhouse reduction programme. Our natural gas and LPG reserves are a major strength both strategically and economically in maintaining our ability to maximise the benefits of gas in reducing emissions in Australia, but also assisting in a world wide role. 80% of our LPG production comes from natural gas reserves.

The Australian Liquefied Australian Gas Association (ALPGA) is committed to its continuing role as a significant contributor to the reduction of greenhouse gases in conjunction with the government's greenhouse strategy.

The committee will be aware of the recent intensive communication programme the Association undertook to bring to the attention of government

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the significant contributions LPG makes to the environment (including greenhouse emission reductions) not only in road transport (autogas) but also in the traditional energy applications. The government has acknowledged this contribution announcing it's continuing support for LPG in reducing greenhouse emissions.

Over a million households and businesses, particularly in regional Australia, use LPG for their energy needs. LPG supplies 2% of Australia's energy use. There are over 500,000 LPG powered vehicles which include 16,000 taxis, 100,000 business and government and 400,000 private users.

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

- Road transport sector (12-14% lower greenhouse than petrol tail pipe emissions and approximately 20% on life cycle) *
- Forklifts
- Alternative to electricity for home heating, hot water and cooking **
- Power generation ***

The Association is committed to assisting government, industry and the community in delivering the benefits of reduced greenhouse gas emissions through the increased use of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). We strongly support the practical solutions that make use of our natural resources.

Yours sincerely



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By express mail

* *LPG – The Clean Transport Alternative – Peter Anyon*

** *AGA Research Paper – Kai Wallenius*

** *Guidelines for LP Gas Use in Rural Energisation - WLPGA*