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**Inquiry into the National Market Driven Energy Efficiency  
Target Bill  
2007**

Like many householders living in Australia, I am an energy consumer. In the year 2000, I was working for an organization that was encouraging the next generation to reduce consumption by means of educational programs. This year, the 'black balloon' advert illustrated to all generations that carbon dioxide escapes into the atmosphere when fossil fuels are converted into energy. This process is accelerating and to use a term of reference for this inquiry into the Energy Efficiency Bill it requires "abatement". In my view as a member of the Victorian Australian Democrats this Energy Efficiency Bill prepared and presented by Senator Lyn Allison is progressive and establishes recognition for conservation of energy and ultimately reduction of greenhouse gases. The need to recognise efforts to address energy efficiency has encouraged scientists at the University of NSW, The ANU and Monash University in Victoria to form a consortium to provide research into the need to adapt with regard to "critical policy and economic questions arising from climate change". If there was a time for this National Market Driven Energy Efficiency Bill it is now. White Certificate trading aims to annually provide a two percent energy efficiency target. Linked to Mandatory Renewable Energy Targets, manufacturers' of energy efficient products whose design authentically have improved energy ratings will attract positive recognition for their pioneering efforts. Surely this is truly an Australian purpose worthy of our support.

Potential for energy efficiency: In a word - Vast. There are vast sources of solar power, wind power, wave power, biomass and geo thermal power.

Recommend: That renewable sources of energy are considered as sources of future power because they are the most "secure" and less hazardous to the population and the Earth's environment at ground level and above.

Sufficient data: No there is a deficit because the area is complex and vulnerable.

Recommend: Support ongoing research and adoption of this Energy Efficiency Bill.

This Bill addresses the need to reduce/ abate green house gases by 6 million tonnes within a timeframe of 3 years, aiming for 2010. Rather than continue to produce over quota greenhouse emissions this Bill will attempt to reverse this situation and bring change to the Federal Government's unusual approach to the Kyoto Protocol.

Yours sincerely,

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