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Senator Mathias Cormann
Chair
Senate Select Committee on Fuel and Energy
PO Pox 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE TAX SYSTEM: "HENRY TAX REVIEW"

Thank you for your letter of 13 May 2010 to Mr Phil Southwell, Western Power's General Manager Regulation and Sustainability requesting feedback on the Henry Tax Review and more specifically the proposed "Resource Super Profits Tax" (RSPT).

As a wholly Western Australian Government owned trading enterprise, Western Power does not incur or pay federal income taxes although we do operate under a tax equivalent system that mirrors the Federal tax regime. However, Western Power has not dedicated any internal resources to investigate the outcomes of the Henry Tax Review and has no plan to do so at this time.

Since disaggregation of the former Western Power Corporation in 2006, the new Western Power operates as an electricity transmission and distribution corporation and is not involved in the generation or retailing of electricity. Therefore with regard to your more specific questions on the proposed RSPT, we estimate there to be little direct effect on Western Power.

Yours sincerely

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CC: *Minister for Energy, Hon Peter Collier MLC*

