

# Appendix 4

## Pro forma letter to state and territory governments and key stakeholders



THE SENATE

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON FUEL AND ENERGY

Key Stakeholders

Dear Sir/Madam

#### **Australia's future tax system: Report to the Treasurer (the 'Henry Tax Review')**

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  - ii. *the goods and services tax, and*
  - iii. *new state and federal taxes;*
- g. *the role of alternative fuels to petroleum and diesel, including but not limited to: LPG, LNG, CNG, gas to liquids, coal to liquid, electricity and bio-fuels such as, but not limited to, ethanol;*
- h. *the domestic oil/gas exploration and refinement industry, with particular reference to:*
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The committee poses the following specific questions:

1. *What is your assessment of the impact of the proposed 'Resource Super Profits Tax' on your field?*
2. *Specifically, what is your assessment of the impact of the 'Resource Super Profits Tax' on fuel and energy security in your field?*
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5. *Do you have any other issues you wish to raise with the committee about the recommendations set out in the Henry Tax Review and/or the government's response to those recommendations?*

***Responses requested by 31 May 2010***

Please provide your response to the above questions to the committee at [fuelenergy.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:fuelenergy.sen@aph.gov.au) by close of business Monday 31 May 2010. Please note your response may be used by the committee in formulating its report on these terms of reference.

You can contact Penelope Robinson, the secretary of the committee on 02 6277 3743 if you would like to discuss this request.

Yours sincerely

Senator Mathias Cormann  
**CHAIR**  
**SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FUEL AND ENERGY**

13 May 2010



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All State Premiers and Territory Chief Ministers

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