

# Appendix 5

## Correspondence between the committee and Dr Ken Henry AC



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

### SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FUEL AND ENERGY

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Dear Dr Henry

#### Inquiry into Fuel and Energy

I am writing on behalf of the Senate Select Committee on Fuel and Energy (the committee).

The committee is continuing its inquiry into fuel and energy matters, focussing on fuel and energy security. In particular the committee is inquiring into the following issues: regulation and taxation of energy and fuel products, the role of alternative energy sources and alternative fuels (including but not limited to gas, nuclear and biofuels), as well as the security and reliability of fuel and energy supply into the future and related infrastructure.

The committee has received a large body of evidence on issues associated with Australia's energy security, including various views on the type and level of taxation that should apply to Australia's present and future energy mix. This evidence includes differing views on the role of taxation and regulation in relation to fuel and energy security in Australia.

The committee recognises your expertise and extensive experience in taxation matters and notes that on 2 May 2010 the Australian Government released *Australia's future tax system: Report to the Treasurer* (the Henry Committee report) and a Tax Policy Statement in response titled *Stronger, Fairer, Simpler: A tax plan for our future* (the government's response).

Following the postponement of the public hearing scheduled for early June, the committee would again like to invite you to appear at its public hearing in Canberra, now to be held on 5 July 2010, in your capacity as Secretary of the Department of Treasury.

The issues the committee would like to explore in terms of their implications for Australia's fuel and energy security include:

- The impact of the proposed 'Resource Super Profits Tax';
- The operation of the state infrastructure fund; and
- The proposed resource exploration rebate.

Please find below a link to the committee website, which contains the committee's terms of reference, submissions received, and other information pertaining to the inquiry.

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fuelenergy\\_cte/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fuelenergy_cte/index.htm)

The committee would greatly appreciate your contribution to the inquiry and a response to this invitation at your earliest convenience. I can be contacted directly on (08) 9325 4227 if you would like to discuss any matters raised in this invitation.

Yours sincerely



Senator Mathias Cormann  
CHAIR  
SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON FUEL AND ENERGY

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Dear Senator Cormann

**INQUIRY INTO FUEL AND ENERGY - 5 JULY 2010**

Thank you for your letter dated 23 June 2010 inviting me to appear at the Committee's public hearing scheduled for 5 July 2010.

I would like to advise that Mr David Parker (Executive Director, Revenue Group, The Treasury) and I will be in attendance at the public hearing to address the issues you have raised in your letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Henry'.

Ken Henry  
Secretary to the Treasury

