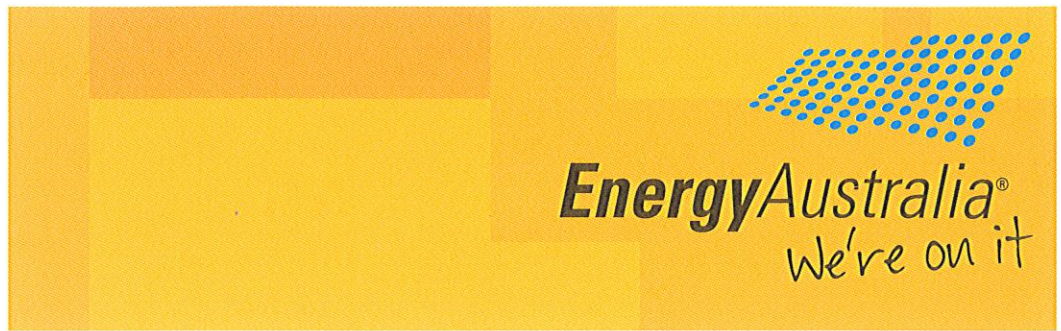


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14 October 2009

Dear Cr Harris,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 14 September 2009 to Sandi Shrimski requesting information on EnergyAustralia's plans for renewable energy. I apologise for the delay in responding to your letter.

EnergyAustralia does not generate electricity. Our operations are limited to the retail side of the energy market and our role is to distribute electricity purchased from the national electricity grid to homes and businesses through our network. We work to provide safe and reliable delivery of power – whatever the source. Federal Government plans to increase the renewable of supply of electricity in Australia to a minimum of 20% will require a safe and reliable electricity network to deliver that renewable electricity.

EnergyAustralia is committed to minimising the environmental impact of our operations and helping our customers to reduce theirs. One of the ways we do this is to encourage customers to choose low-emission or renewable energy sources. Through our PureEnergy program our customers can purchase GreenPower™ accredited renewable energy, and drive additional investment in the Australian renewable energy industry above the Federal Government's mandatory renewable energy target of 20%. We support 17 accredited renewable energy generators by purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates to use in our GreenPower™ products.

EnergyAustralia supports homes and businesses that generate their own electricity, through means such as solar or cogeneration plants, by connecting this equipment to our electricity network. In fact, we have offered to provide technical advice to the City of Sydney on its plans for local gas fired power stations in the Sydney CBD.

Our world leading \$170 million smart grid project means that, for the first time, electricity networks will have two-way communications, smart meters and devices that will give homes and businesses an instant picture of their energy use and costs. A smarter network allows consumers to make smarter choices about their energy use and gives them more options to reduce their environmental impact.



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Using smart grid technology, networks will be able to reduce carbon emissions by connecting more renewable energy sources to the grid as well as storage devices and electric cars.

EnergyAustralia continues to lead in the delivery of energy efficiency and demand management services through a range of programs. This includes the provision of more than 330,000 energy saving compact fluorescent lights to customers over the past two years - helping to abate an estimated 232,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. We also purchase GreenPower™ for use in our own buildings, and educate our customers on steps they can take to be more energy efficient in their homes and businesses.

We would be happy to provide you with a briefing from our Demand Management or Energy Efficiency teams or our Climate Change and Environmental Products team. If you are interested please contact me on 9269 4346 and I will be happy to arrange it with the appropriate EnergyAustralia staff.

Yours sincerely,



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