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ELECTRICITY PRICE REVIEW – STAKEHOLDER UPDATE

Dear all

I write with a brief update.

Next week, we intend to release an options paper setting out possible ways to address problems discussed in our first report. Some are high-level only and deliberately so: as preliminary views, they are subject to testing and refinement as we engage with you in the final phase of our review.

The options in the 39-page paper arise from suggestions by stakeholders and our panel of experts. In each case, we give our preliminary view on whether we favour, do not favour or are undecided about the option in question.

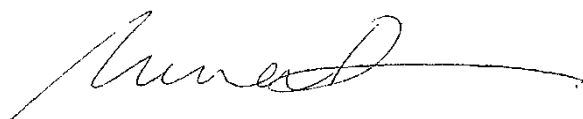
The options are, as already noted, subject to engagement – hence our wish for your feedback. This will take several forms. We plan to hold meetings and workshops as necessary to test and further develop some options. We are likely to hold three workshops, each covering the broad themes of consumer interests, the industry, and regulation. Each will last about half a day.

We intend to invite a wide range of submitters and stakeholders to these workshops because we want a variety of perspectives represented in the discussions. Tentative dates for the workshops are 12 and 13 March. Invitations will be sent out shortly. Unfortunately, we need to limit numbers attending so we can have meaningful discussions. We will do our best, however, to get a representative cross-section of stakeholders.

We are also inviting written submissions and you can do this, preferably, by filling in the new online EPR submission form on the MBIE website. These should be short and clear and indicate whether you favour the option (yes or no) and briefly why. Submissions will be due by Friday 22 March.

We greatly value your feedback in advance of preparing our final recommendations, which will go to the Minister of Energy and Resources by mid-2019.

Kind regards



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