



RENEWABLES FOR ALL

Increasing Customer Access to New Energy Technologies



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Submission to the Consultation for South Australia's Climate Change Strategy and Low Carbon Investment Plan

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The project focuses on the restricted access to clean energy technologies for a number of customer segments, specifically:

- Low to moderate income households,
- Renters,
- Apartment dwellers and
- People who live in shaded or heritage listed buildings.

A range of barriers exist for these customer segments, which if left unaddressed will exacerbate inequality. This inequality should not be used as a reason to stifle clean energy innovation, but rather as a driver for greater innovation. The full discussion paper for the project has also been provided to you.

The project will work with state policy makers and key stakeholders to help create the policies that will increase access to new clean energy technologies to the identified customer segments. The project will be conducted in NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the ACT.

The South Australian workshop for this project will be held on the 27th October and is expected to generate an agreed position between a range of social sector providers and renewable energy advocates. This timing misses the deadline for your consultation but will generate an essential policy guide for your longer term strategies.

As such, we formally request that you accept the input from the workshop as soon as it can be provided after the 27th October. We also request that you treat energy policy for vulnerable energy consumers as a priority within your strategies.

Kind Regards

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