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Dear Paul

SUBMISSION ON CLEAR ENERGY ELECTRICITY RETAIL LICENCE AND SMALL USE CUSTOMER CONTRACT

LGP supports the application for a retail licence by Clear Energy (CE). We consider the award of a licence to be in the public interest because it facilitates the uptake of renewable electricity generation from Solar PV roof-top panels as encouraged by State Government policy without requiring householders to fund the capital cost. Further, the business model is innovative and is likely to stimulate competition in that space.

LGP notes that CE will not itself require network access and will not impact the third party supplier of electricity to the premises in any way that the premises owner could not implement themselves. CE will also not impact on quality or reliability of supply. We therefore consider that the business model supports the intent of the laws and regulations covering electricity supply and does not interfere with the franchise market of Electricity Retail Corporation.

LGP further notes that CE has lodged a Small Use Customer Contract, will comply with the Code of Conduct for the Supply of Small Use Customers and will join the Ombudsman Scheme. We have reviewed the proposed contract and consider it fit for purpose and user-friendly. We would encourage the Authority to apply the spirit of the intent of the regulations in assessing it, having regard to the fact that CE will be supplementing the third party retailer and not replacing it.

LGP welcomes CE as an electricity retailer and applauds its innovative contribution to the take up of renewable energy and State and Federal climate change mitigation policy.

Yours faithfully

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