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Dear Ms O'Rourke,

Thank you for your recent correspondence dated 2 May 2016.

On behalf of the Australian Greens, I welcome Solar Citizen's 100 per cent renewables target. The roadmap to get there is very similar to the Australian Greens *RenewAustralia: powering the new economy*.

Our policy proposes the establishment of a new national Authority *RenewAustralia* that will be responsible for planning the staged closure of coal generation in order to attract investment of large scale renewable technologies. The Authority will manage the wholesale reform of our outdated electricity market and they will encourage investment through contracts for difference (or reverse auctions) as well as directly tender for the construction of publicly owned, strategically crucial clean energy projects.

Our soon to be released sequel *RenewAustralia: Repowering our Homes and Businesses* will focus on measures to enable all homes and businesses that want solar, to get solar. Regardless of whether you are an owner, tenant, in community housing or in apartments, the Greens want to break down the barriers that stop people creating their own clean energy. A crucial component of this package is ensuring a fair price for solar so that electricity companies don't profit from solar homes and businesses feeding into the grid.

This upcoming policy package will also be targeted towards Community Owned Solar projects with tax incentives for people to invest and the establishment of a \$103 million solar communities fund to enable business models, strategy and information to be shared as well as support greenfield community projects. The Greens also recognise the regulatory barriers for clean energy projects needs to be reformed and simplified.

Finally, the Greens remain unambiguously committed to the institutions we helped to establish in the last Parliament – Arena and the CEFC. We have never stopped advocating their wonderful work and we have tirelessly fought for their protection. We will continue to do so until the Liberal and Labor parties walk away from their current plans to remove \$1 billion from Arena. Our policy platform will reinstate the previous levels of funding over the forward estimates, while also continuing their investment schedule out to 2022 that were changed during the carbon price repeal bill.

Kind Regards,

Senator Richard Di Natale
Leader of the Australian Greens & Senator for Victoria



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