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Dear Chairman

**RE: EMO 001-REVIEW OF ENERGY MARKET  
FRAMEWORKS IN LIGHT OF CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES:  
DISCUSSION PAPER, PUBLIC FORUM PERTH 8 MAY 2009**

Thank you for presenting the public forum concerning climate change policies and the following subcommittee meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2009. WACOSS found both informative and welcomed the opportunity to participate in the discussions.

There are a number of principles that WACOSS believes the AEMC should be cognisant of when dealing with issues of:

- system operation with intermittency;
- connecting Remote generation;
- efficient provision and utilisation of the transmission network; and
- retail price regulation.

These are:

Consistencies across jurisdictions

All consumers are entitled to the same level of protection, regardless of their location, therefore the implementation of climate change policies should be consistent across all the jurisdiction. Generators and distributors will also benefit from certainty when investing at a nation-wide level when legislation and regulatory frameworks are uniform.

Transparency

Consumers have the right to know what costs have been passed on to them due to the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme or any other costs that have been transferred in response to climate change. The AEMC should play a key role in ensuring that the way that costs are regulated nationally or within states has a consistent approach to transparent and full disclosure.

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Consumers should not have undue costs passed onto them which should rightfully be covered by other market operators, or which are recovered through other means to avoid double counting of costs.

Independently Assessed

Decisions that are made in response to climate change policies which impact upon energy markets and consumers need to be assessed by an independent arbiter based on nationally consistent principles and criteria.

We thank the AEMC for the opportunity to provide a written submission and look forward to our concerns being addressed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Ash". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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