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Dear Frances,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Renewable Energy Target and "Clean-coal" technology.

I commend CLRI for its work on this very important issue. It is crucial that organisations such as yours make their views known to the Government and the public.

An equitable transition to renewable energies is the centrepiece of The Greens climate change policy. The Greens condemn the Federal Government's focus on unproven 'clean coal' technologies as a dangerous and negligent approach to the challenges that climate change presents.

The Government's intended course of action on emissions reduction demonstrates how they have been captured by the short term interests of coal companies. The promise of 'clean coal' means these companies will continue their unrestrained production of carbon emissions and divert public funding away from renewable energies.

As you have pointed out, this pursuit of 'clean coal' as a climate change solution neglects Australia's capacity for further technological innovation and job creation in the renewable energy field.

The environmental, economic and social justice challenges that climate change presents will require a strong, cohesive campaign from a range of organisations and individuals. I look forward to campaigning on this issue with you in the future.

Please contact my office if I can be of any further assistance to you in regards to this issue. If you would like any further information on the Australian Greens climate policy please contact the office of Senator Christine Milne on 03 6224 8899, Senator.Milne@aph.gov.au or visit www.greens.org.au

All the best with your work on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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