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Dear Mr Gregson

I refer to your letter of 21 January 2013 inviting the NSW Business Chamber ("the Chamber") to participate in a consultation on the Carbon Tax repeal and the proposed new enforcement role for the ACCC under the *Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon tax Repeal) Bill 2013*.

As you may be aware, in November last year, staff of the Chamber met with Dr Michael Schaper, Deputy Chair, ACCC. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss a broad range of issues including the proposed new enforcement role of the ACCC under the Carbon Tax repeal legislation.

As was expressed during that meeting, it is unclear how far energy prices will fall as a result of the repeal of the carbon tax. As many businesses chose to absorb carbon price increases rather than pass the costs on to customers, it's unlikely that a uniform price reduction will result from the carbon tax repeal. The ACCC must therefore ensure that any enforcement activity from its price monitoring role is considered carefully and is always "*reasonable and proportionate*".

The Chamber would be happy to discuss these issues in more detail with the ACCC. Please contact Mr Tim Hicks, Policy Advisor, Business Regulation and Economics on (02) 9458 7259 or tim.hicks@nswbc.com.au to arrange a meeting.

Yours sincerely

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