



The Hon Rob Oakeshott MP
Federal Member for Lyne
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Dear Mr. Oakeshott,

Congratulations on your recent re-election as the federal member for Lyne.

We write to you as representatives of 60 regional and rural community groups involved in a new campaign: the 100% Renewable campaign for clean energy. This campaign brings together people from communities across Australia who share a vision for an Australia powered entirely by clean renewable energy.

As you well know, investment in renewable energy – from house-hold solar panels to large scale wind, solar thermal, geothermal and wave - has many benefits for regional and rural Australia. These include new jobs, billions of dollars of new investment and regional development. Renewable energy also means cleaner air and water, safer healthier communities, protection for our farmland and less climate pollution.

We know you have long been a champion of the benefits of renewable energy, and were delighted to hear that this issue was a key one for you as you decided how you would help form government.

A price on carbon is a critical step in helping Australia move towards a low pollution future and we are pleased to see you working in the forum of the Climate Change Committee to support this important policy.

However, we also know that a price on carbon alone will not drive substantial investment in renewable energy, and we will need additional measures to help Australia take advantage of the potential of our sun, wind, waves and hot rocks.

As you have argued in the parliament, policy measures like feed-in tariffs have been used with great success in other parts of the world. The 100% Renewable campaign is calling for a national gross feed-in tariff for renewable energy technologies at large, medium and small scales. We will be working to ensure dozens of MPs across the country to support us in this goal.

We would like to remind you of your words to the House on 17 September 2009, shortly after the introduction of your Private Member's Bill, when you said,





“I urge the government... to reconsider the policy of the feed-in tariff system, in particular a gross feed-in tariff system, and I encourage the households of Australia... to start to put pressure on local members of parliament and on the executive.”

We write today to gladly accept your challenge and to urge you to continue to work for the introduction of a gross feed-in tariff, secure in the knowledge that you have strong backing in regional and rural communities across Australia.

We wish you all the best and look forward to hearing how you are planning to advance the agenda of clean renewable energy in this term of parliament.

Yours Sincerely,

Regional and Rural community groups of the 100% Renewable campaign

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