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Please respond to Parliament House

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Ms Sara Mirabella
Adjudication Branch
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
GPO Box 3131
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Dear Sara

**RE: SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER OF MINES AND ENERGY (SACOME) APPLICATION –
AUTHORISATION – A91567 & A91568**

I write in support of South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy Inc and associates' application to the Australian Consumer and Competition Commission for permission to establish a joint electricity purchasing group to tender, negotiate and contract for the supply of electricity in South Australia.

SACOME has advised me that the structure of the combined offer is such that one or more electricity suppliers may come to an agreement to supply any or all of the participating members in the buying group.

SACOME also advises that different agreements may be reached between individual electricity suppliers and participating members in the group at different prices, for different periods of time and for all or part of the participating member's electricity demand.

On this basis, while I hope it will lead to access to lower electricity prices, I do not believe the application will reduce competition in the electricity market or be an abuse of market power.

Yours sincerely

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