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To whom it may concern.

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)

I write to you expressing my support for SACOME's application to the ACCC to establish a joint electricity buying group.

It is to my understanding that the buying group is supported by some eleven businesses based within South Australia, some of which are situated within in my Electorate of Hammond.

It has been brought to my attention on a number of occasions the prospects local businesses face as a result of excessive power prices in South Australia and the forward planning involved to factor in these increases. Electricity prices are affecting all South Australians, whether they are home owners or small or major business owners.

Presently, South Australia has the most expensive, yet unreliable power in the nation, whilst local industries and businesses are trying to compete with other states and markets that enjoy lower input costs.

With power prices such as those in South Australia, it deters additional and future investment. Investment within our state needs to be encouraged and with high and unreliable input costs, it does the exact opposite. I do not want to see South Australia not considered for current or future investment as a result of its unreliability and feasibility to operate.

A specific benefit of this application is the potential to encourage new generation or underutilised generation to enter the market. Encouraging additional generation subsequently provides a positive impact on the scope and sustainability of businesses operating within South Australia and in turn increases the possibility of future investment.

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I again reiterate my support for SACOME's application and I trust that you will give it close consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adrian Pederick".

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Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

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