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Senate Standing Committees on Economics  
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Dear Honorable Senators,

I am writing this submission for the purpose of opposing the proposed funding cuts to ARENA. It is clear that Australia must move to increase its use of renewable energy, and move away from fossil fuels.

Changes to world climate, which are showing extreme consequences in Australia, make it imperative and obvious that we do this.

ARENA has been a success story in supporting innovation and development in renewables.

Australia has the opportunity to:

- Create many more jobs in the renewable sector
- Increase its export earnings by developing clever solutions and technologies for renewables.

Cutting funding to ARENA goes in exactly the wrong direction.

I urge your Standing Committee to reject funding cuts to ARENA, and to consider increasing funding to ARENA.

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