

- 1) Did you make any recommendations to the Minister during the legislative drafting phase? If so, what were they?**

No we did not.

- 2) The Australian Workers Union note in their submission to Departmental consultation that “the NRF will require a commercial rate of return ... [meaning that] short-term technology upgrades which increase costs without increasing revenue or profit are not eligible”. Is it also the view of your organisations that grants could be helpful in this regard?**

Yes, because not all decarbonisation investments will be profitable. NRF funds should not be restricted to for-profit entities.

- 3) Consistently you have called for a ‘Secure Jobs Code’ to apply to the NRF. You’ve stipulated enterprise agreement with unions as a precondition of tender, [that] the recipient must not have engaged in conduct that treated workers ‘unfairly’. Companies must commit to direct employment ... contractors and indirect workforce must be employed on the same conditions as the direct workforce. Has the government responded to these demands?**

Our submission pointed out that many of the procurement provisions described in the question are contained in the procurement requirements currently being implemented in renewable energy tenders being put out by the NSW government, and that the NRF should match these requirements at a minimum.

- 4) ACTU has noted that the Bill “places almost complete control into the hands of the Minister of the day,” you call it a “significant risk”. What measures would you put in place to avoid this? Would you support legislating the priority areas of the Corporation?**

We support the ACTU’s position on this – to put a purpose in legislation, and to have tripartite management. Legislating priority areas is unnecessary.