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To:
Subject: Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016
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Senate Standing Committees on Economics
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Re: Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill 2016

Dear Sir or Madam

I am aware that this week, the Turnbull Government put forward legislation to cut \$1.3 billion from ARENA, Australia's renewable energy agency.

Attacking Australia's renewable energy industry is bad policy and stupid in the face of global warming and increasing extreme weather events - and I recognise the cuts to ARENA are also yet another assault on CSIRO.

More than 120 CSIRO researchers are funded by ARENA. Dismantling ARENA's renewable energy work leaves a further 120 CSIRO scientists at risk. The LNP has already gutted the science teams of the CSIRO that took years to build up, and we have lost that intellectual capital and synergies, which we can ill afford. Our food and water security as well as the industries of the future depend on scientific knowledge, and the LNP seems to have no understanding of the vital knowledge our public-good institutions will deliver IF they are properly funded. This is how I want our tax dollars spent: on public-good science, on renewable energy industries, on public education and health services and public transport infrastructure.

I am aware that the Senate has called an inquiry into the 'Budget Savings Omnibus Bill', which is the bill that is intended to cut ARENA funding. I care about ARENA and about CSIRO, and object in the strongest possible terms the inexcusable underfunding and staff-cutting of these public-good agencies.

I won't stand for CSIRO cuts by stealth: the Turnbull Government can't sneak through another attack on CSIRO.

Please note I do not want my contact details made public.

Sincerely,

Joanne Jaworowski