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Senator Sarah Hanson-Young
Chair
Senate Select Committee into Fair Dinkum Power
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator,

Fair Dinkum Power

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Select Committee's Inquiry into Fair Dinkum Power.

EDL is a leading global producer of sustainable distributed energy. We own and operate nearly one hundred power stations across Australia, North America and Europe, both grid connected and remote and using wind, solar, unconventional gas, liquid fuels and storage. We have a thirty year reputation for developing innovative, tailored clean and green energy solutions.

EDL supports the secure, reliable, affordable and sustainable supply of electricity to meet the needs of Australian households and businesses. The energy industry is currently transitioning to a new future, one where customers have greater control over their supply and use of electricity, where generation is increasingly green and locally-made and where storage plays a crucial role.

Empowering consumers to play their part in this future requires clear price (including carbon) signals for both using power and selling it back into the grid, easy to use tools and pathways for engaging in the market and suitable protections for vulnerable customers.

It also requires a power system that can meet the more diverse and dynamic needs of those consumers safely, securely and reliably. A mix of generation technologies is needed. What is important is that the contribution that each technology makes to lowering consumer energy prices, supporting system "firmness" and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, is appropriately recognised.

EDL strongly believes that this should be done in a transparent and integrated way to ensure that generation sources are selected based on their true value to society and not on legacy investments or ideological preferences. Only a regulatory framework so designed can deliver this. Support for innovation should also continue to help maximise that value.

I would welcome the opportunity to appear before the Committee to provide details regarding the above and to answer any questions that you may have.

Yours faithfully

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CEO