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Mr John Hawkins
Committee Secretary
Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

(via e-mail to: climate.sen@aph.gov.au)

Dear Mr Hawkins

**RE: SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE POLICY: APPEA
SUBMISSION**

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments to the Senate Select Committee on Climate Policy.

APPEA is the peak national body representing the Australian upstream oil and gas industry. APPEA member companies collectively produce around 98 per cent of Australia's oil and gas. A full list of APPEA's members can be found on our website, at www.appea.com.au.

APPEA, and its members, are committed to working towards a profitable, safe, environmentally responsible and socially responsible oil and gas exploration, development and production industry. Governments need to continue to recognise that greenhouse policies, including any consideration of an emissions trading scheme or alternative greenhouse policies, must allow Australian industry to maintain its international competitiveness.

With that in mind, APPEA's submission offers a range of comments and recommendations relevant to the Committee's terms of reference.

In addition to the APPEA submission, a number of APPEA members have made individual submissions to the Committee. APPEA commends these submissions to you.

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APPEA would welcome the opportunity to provide evidence to the Committee in support of our written submission. If you have any queries on any of the issues raised in our submission, please feel free to contact Damian Dwyer, Director – Energy Markets & Climate Change via telephone on 6267 0902 or via e-mail at ddwyer@appea.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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