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The Secretary  
Senate ECITA Legislation Committee  
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Dear Dr Holland,

**Reference: Inquiry into the provisions of the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006***

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and Arts Legislation Committee's Inquiry into the provisions of the *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2006* (the Amendment Bill).

Roaring 40s is a joint venture between Hydro Tasmania and CLP Power Asia, and the company operates as a project developer and asset manager of renewable energy projects in Australia and Asia.

The Mandatory Renewable Energy Target (MRET) has been a significant driver for renewable energy developments of various scales and forms in Australia, spawning a nationwide improvement in energy security and mix, with direct additional benefits of regional employment, international investment and trade diversification.

Roaring 40s has undertaken a significant wind development programme in Australia as a result of the incentives provided by the MRET. Current projects include:

*Tasmania*

- Woolnorth Bluff Point Wind Farm (65 MW) - operational.
- Woolnorth Studland Bay Wind Farm (75 MW) - under construction.
- Musselroe Wind Farm (129 MW) - development approved by regulatory authorities.

*South Australia*

- Cathedral Rocks Wind Farm (66 MW) - operational.

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While Roaring 40s has been an active developer in Australia to date, its development activities have stalled due to the Government's decision not to increase the MRET. For example, Roaring 40s' proposed Heemskirk Wind Farm in Tasmania is now under threat due to a lack of demand for the renewable energy certificates (RECs) associated with the project.

Roaring 40's therefore encourages the Australian Government to strengthen Australia's renewable energy market by adopting within the Amendment Bill the Tambling Report's recommendations for increasing and extending the MRET (Recommendations 8 and 9). Without this change, the Australian wind industry is likely to stall and emerging capabilities in the industry will, in our view, locate off-shore.

We also encourage the Government to bring the MRET into line with other international and state-based targets. For example, China has set an ambitious renewable energy target of 15% by 2020, and the Victorian Government proposes to build on the existing MRET to achieve a state renewable energy target of 10% by 2012.

If you require any further information on the issues raised in this submission, please contact me (03) 6213 4301 or [Mark.Kelleher@roaring40s.com.au](mailto:Mark.Kelleher@roaring40s.com.au).

Yours sincerely,



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