



PRIME MINISTER
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Greg McLean
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Dear Mr McLean,

I am writing to thank you for the opportunity to meet and discuss the Government's electricity market policy and the recently released Energy White Paper.

I appreciate the role the Australian Services Union (ASU) has played in supporting our plans to deliver secure, reliable and competitively priced energy for a growing population and economy as part of a clean energy future.

The Australian Government is working through the COAG Standing Council on Energy and Resources (SCER) to pursue an energy market reform agenda that focuses on achieving efficient future investment without undue price pressures on consumers and business while ensuring appropriate standards of reliability and maintenance.

I also note there has been a number of misconceptions and inaccurate reporting claiming that the Energy White Paper advocates the privatisation of state electricity assets and that this is the view of the Government.

To be clear, the Government has not and does not advocate for the privatisation of electricity assets. To argue that the Energy White Paper supports privatisation is wrong and is not representative of my views or the position of the Government.

Further, with regard to specific proposals regarding privatisation of electricity assets by state governments, while these are ultimately matters for voters in these states, my Government has no intention of supporting or advocating plans for privatisation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Julia Gillard'.

Julia Gillard

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