

To Australia's Political Leaders,

- Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull MP
- Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce MP, Leader of The Nationals
- State Premiers and Energy Ministers
- The Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP, Minister for Environment and Energy
- The Hon. Bill Shorten MP, Federal Labor Leader and Leader of the Opposition
- The Hon. Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister of Environment and Energy
- Senator Richard Di Natale, Federal Greens Leader

Reliable, affordable and sustainable supplies of energy are integral to our nation's prosperity and our society's wellbeing. The cost and supply of energy drives the quality of our living standards, the competitiveness of our businesses and the growth in our jobs. The Finkel Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market is therefore a critical study into the challenges that the Australian energy sector confronts as it transforms into a lower emissions future.

The key players in the energy supply industry have engaged closely with the Finkel Review and respect the knowledge and experience across the industry and community that Alan Finkel and his team bring to the task. We urge leaders of all Australian political parties to avoid pre-emptively ruling on the recommendations delivered in the report before the community and industry have taken the time to fully digest them and provide a considered response.

In our view, the stakes in this debate are high for us all and the issues and proposals require careful and measured deliberation by all stakeholders before settling on a national strategy. We respectfully ask that all leaders responsibly allow for this process to take its proper course in the interests of achieving an outcome that is based on sound evidence, enjoys broad based support from consumers and producers and satisfies our national obligations.

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