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National Energy Transformation Partnership Team  
Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

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To Whom It May Concern

**CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO INCORPORATE AN EMISSIONS REDUCTION OBJECTIVE INTO THE NATIONAL ENERGY OBJECTIVES**

The Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC) welcomes the opportunity to provide a response to the consultation paper on incorporating an emissions reduction objective into the national energy objectives.

ASBEC is a collaborative forum of [peak bodies](#) in the Australian built environment, focused on sustainable, productive and resilient buildings, communities and cities. Our membership consists of industry associations, professional bodies, academia, non-government organisations and government observers who are involved in the planning, design, delivery and operation of our built environment.

We are strongly supportive of including an emissions reduction objective into the national energy objectives in the three national energy laws.

The Energy Efficiency Council (EEC) is a member of ASBEC, and we support the recommendations outlined in their submission; namely that objectives as proposed are soundly constituted, although further refinement could facilitate emissions reduction at least cost within the energy system.

We encourage the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water to consider the EEC commentary around three main items:

- **The emissions reduction objective should strongly support achieving net zero emissions.**
  - Incorporating the emissions reduction objective into the decision-making framework of energy market bodies is an important step to allow those bodies to determine what energy system rules and investments will contribute to the long-term interests of consumers in transitioning the energy system to net zero emissions.
- **Emissions reduction will be best facilitated by incorporating the demand side.**
  - As the electricity system transitions to one with high proportions of variable renewable generation, matching energy demand to energy supply becomes a critical component of operating the system at least cost to consumers and achieving a transition to zero emissions at least cost.
- **The objectives require further work** to shift the focus to accommodate a more holistic view, including an integrated demand-side lens.

Should you have any further queries, we encourage you to engage with the Energy Efficiency Council via [alex.stjohn@eec.org.au](mailto:alex.stjohn@eec.org.au).

Yours Sincerely



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