



**Re: Please oppose cuts to ARENA**



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Dear Mr Albanese

Thank you for your reply to our letter. We welcome your comments.

We were pleased to learn that instead of a complete funding withdrawal, ARENA will continue with a budget of \$800 million over five years. While we are opposed to any cuts at all, we congratulate the Labor opposition for being able to negotiate this result.

Our comments about the importance of ARENA's support for addressing grid stability in South Australia could not have been more pertinent this week.

While government ministers highlight the challenges in implementing a rapid, reliable and just transition to renewable energy, seeking to use those challenges as reasons to hesitate, we argue that the correct response to any such challenges is not to waver, but to seek solutions to them.

Further we stress that transition to clean energy brings opportunities such as jobs growth in innovative technology.

Accordingly Climate Change Balmain-Rozelle will continue to urge all sides of politics to continue rapidly move to clean energy by all means possible, and to oppose any attempts that the government makes to slow Australia's progress in reducing emissions.

Please be assured that we will continue to keep you advised on the views of our community.

**Yours sincerely**

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