

On 29 September 2016 at 15:45, Albanese, Anthony (MP)<A.Albanese.MP@aph.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Dominic,

When the Government proposed through its original Omnibus Bill to cut all funding from ARENA I put my view clearly and publicly that this was not consistent with Labor's policy platform or our values.

As a result of Labor's advocacy and the negotiated amendments, ARENA will have instead have an \$800 million budget over the next five years to continue its important work.

This is critical work and necessary to achieve Labor's broader goal of 50 per cent renewables by 2030.

We do not think this funding goes far enough, and it is important that there will be negotiations between the shadow minister and the Minister for the Environment and Energy in order to see if we can get further agreement in the shift away from fossil fuels and towards renewables that is so necessary.

It is important to acknowledge that climate change is real. It is happening. The quicker we transition to a clean energy economy the cheaper that transition will be. Importantly, this will also support jobs, and the renewable energy sector has seen jobs triple in recent years. The work of ARENA is aimed particularly at early stage developments, and it is important that, as a result of this negotiated outcome, support for clean energy and the renewable sector has been ensured.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Albanese MP

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