

18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

The Hon, Guy Barnett  
Minister for Energy  
Parliament House  
Hobart TAS 7000

Dear Minister Barnett,

Reference: (Draft) Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan

The RDA Tasmanian committee welcomes the recent release of the *Draft Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan* for feedback and possible implementation in 2020.

In the draft plan, the key advantages Tasmania possesses to potentially adopt the manufacture of Hydrogen include:

- ✓ Abundance of natural water resource
- ✓ Availability of Clean Energy
- ✓ Supporting infrastructure including industry zones and ports for export of hydrogen
- ✓ Highly skilled workforce and research centres

RDA Tasmania supports the opportunity for Tasmanian industry sectors to leverage the advantages clean Hydrogen offers (as a low emission energy source) and we encourage the Tasmanian Government to consider how Tasmanian industry can benefit in conjunction with potential “off island” export opportunities.

Additionally the potential for direct and indirect employment opportunities for regional Tasmanian communities remains a real possibility should Tasmania progress the manufacture of Hydrogen. The skills development of the existing workforce and new entrants may also provide stimulus to other industry sectors which will provide further benefit.

The RDA Tasmania committee congratulates the Tasmanian Government on its *Draft Tasmanian Renewable Hydrogen Action Plan* and looks forward to supporting the implementation of the plan in 2020.

Yours faithfully



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Chief Executive Officer

