

File no.: FOI18D0013

Mr Michael Brown MP  
Member for Playford  
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E-mail: [playford@parliament.sa.gov.au](mailto:playford@parliament.sa.gov.au)

Dear Mr Brown

**APPLICATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 1991**

I refer to your application to the office of the Minister for Energy and Mining made under the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), received in this office on 7 December 2018. Your application sought access to:

*All documents (including but not limited to reports, briefings, emails, notes, minutes, plans and other documents) mentioning or related to the areas of Para Hills, Para Hills West, Parafield, Parafield Gardens, Mawson Lakes or Greenfields.*

A search was conducted for documents held by the office of the Minister for Energy and Mining and 5 documents were identified within the scope of your request. In respect of the documents, I have determined as follows:

**Document 1**

I have determined that this document should be released in part. With regards to this document the parts to which I have not granted you access are not relevant to your application, being names of individuals, and sections are also exempt in accordance with Schedule 1, Part 2 clause 7 (1) of the FOI Act.

**Documents 2, 3, 4, 5**

I have considered the documents and determined to release them in part. With regard to these documents, the parts to which I have not granted you access are not relevant to your application, being names, email addresses and personal addresses of individual members of the public.

If you are not satisfied with this determination you have a legal right of review and appeal. Details on your review can be found by visiting [www.archives.sa.gov.au/content/foi-forms](http://www.archives.sa.gov.au/content/foi-forms).

Yours sincerely



**Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP**  
Minister for Energy and Mining

28/3 / 2019

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**Freedom of Information  
DOCUMENT SCHEDULE**

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**Minister for Energy and Mining**

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Doc No	Brief Description	Date of Doc	Full Access	Part Access or Refused Access	Other
1	Email and attachment	24 September 2018	No	Part Access	Document released in part- mobile phone number and names exempt under clause 6 (1) of schedule of 1 of the FOI Act and information not relevant to this application. Commercial in confidence exempted from disclosure under Clause 7 (1)
2	Email	26 September 2018	No	Part Access	Document released in part- mobile phone number and names exempt under clause 6 (1) of schedule of 1 of the FOI Act and information not relevant to this application
3	Email and attachment	2 August 2018	No	Part Access	Document released in part- mobile phone number and names exempt under clause 6 (1) of schedule of 1 of the FOI Act and information not relevant to this application
4	Email and attachment	25 May 2018	No	Part Access	Document released in part- mobile phone number and names exempt under clause 6 (1) of schedule of 1 of the FOI Act and information not relevant to this application
5	Email and attachment	28 August 2019	No	Part Access	Document released in part- mobile phone number and names exempt under clause 6 (1) of schedule of 1 of the FOI Act & information not relevant to this application

**Martin, Alycia (DEM)**

**Subject:** Visit to Tindo Solar Manufacturing Facility (SP)  
**Location:** Technology Park, 6 Second Avenue, Mawson Lakes  
  
**Start:** Fri 30/11/2018 9:00 AM  
**End:** Fri 30/11/2018 10:00 AM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
  
**Organizer:** van Holst Pellekaan, Dan (DEM)  
**Required Attendees:** van Holst Pellekaan, Dan; Kelly, Dominic (DEM); Trethewey, Elizabeth (DEM); Booth, Yvette (DEM)  
  
**Categories:** Green Category

INV18D00508 – GREEN

**\*\*SEE INV18D00324 – Letter from Shayne to Department – add to Minister's Schedule\*\***

<b>Title and purpose of function:</b>	Tindo Solar Visit. Tour our manufacturing plans and to discuss industry challenges
<b>Names &amp; Contact Details of Organiser(s):</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Day and Date:</b>	30 December 2018
<b>Start Time:</b>	9am
<b>Finish Time:</b>	10am
<b>Location Details:</b>	6 Second Ave, Mawson Lakes
<b>Are there special dress requirements?</b>	No
<b>Will the event be held Indoors / Outdoors?</b>	Indoors
<b>Travel time from city to venue:</b>	30mins
<b>Travel / Parking Instructions for Minister's Driver:</b>	On road out front of building
<b>Minister greeted by:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Minister greeted at:</b>	Front Door
<b>Is the invitation extended to Mrs Rebecca van Holst Pellekaan</b>	Yes
<b>Other VIP's invited:</b>	None
<b>Local Member of Parliament invited?</b>	No
<b>Speech required:</b>	No
<b>Approximate duration:</b>	
<b>Theme / topic:</b>	Industry Challenges - Energy

People to be formally acknowledged by Minister in his speech:	None
Is lectern and water available?	No lectern – water yes
Media Coverage:	No
Media Releases:	If required
Running Sheet: <i>Please include or provide in separate document</i>	40 – 40 min sit down
Any further relevant information in relation to the event:	20-30 min factory tour

25/9/18 – Original invitation rec'd via email from [REDACTED]

2/10/18 – Minister approved

29/10/18 – Timing re-raised with Minister – date approved

30/10/18 – SP confirmed with [REDACTED] and email attaching FIS

7/11/18 – Completed FIS rec'd via email from [REDACTED]

28/11/18 – Briefing provided

**Martin, Alycia (DEM)**

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**From:** DEM:Minister Dan van Holst Pellekaan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 September 2018 9:14 AM  
**To:** Paech, Shannon (DEM)  
**Subject:** FW: Tindo Solar manufacturing plant (take 2)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 September 2018 9:33 PM  
**To:** DEM:Minister Dan van Holst Pellekaan <Dem.MinisterVHP@sa.gov.au>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Tindo Solar manufacturing plant (take 2)

Dear Mr van Holst Pellekaan,

My apologies for failing to type your name in my original email.

It was a pleasure to chat during the recent CEFC function at Adelaide Oval and discuss briefly the upcoming Battery Subsidy and the involvement that our locally manufactured Tindo Solar Panels could play.

As promised that evening, I would like to officially invite you to visit the ONLY Solar Panel manufacturing facility in Australia situated at Technology Park Mawson Lakes.

We welcome your visit to Tindo to discuss the opportunities that exist for the creation of further employment in the high-tech manufacturing sector, particularly surrounding government procurement for solar in South Australia.

Our manufacturing plant is world leading in it's automation allowing us to produce a high quality product at a competitive cost. Testament to this is our recent export orders to Asia and interest from USA, Saudi Arabia and Solomon Islands.

We look forward to hosting you at our facility in the near future and will make ourselves available at a time that suits your diary (apart from October 2-4 where we are at the All Energy Conference and Expo in Melbourne).

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**tindo solar**



Official Reseller



CERTIFIED INSTALLER



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Check us out at Desert Knowledge Solar Centre

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckFieEHG7TU>  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9huyt02r\\_Ww](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9huyt02r_Ww)

\*\*\* This email and any attachments to it may be confidential and are intended solely for the use of the individual to whom it is addressed. Any views or opinions expressed are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Tindo Solar Pty Ltd or any member companies of the Tindo Pty Ltd Group. If you are not the intended recipient of this email, you must neither take any action based upon its contents, nor copy or show it to anyone. Please contact the sender if you believe you have received this email in error. \*\*\*



## Meeting/Event Brief

### MINISTER VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN

#### 1. Visit to Tindo Solar

#### 2. Attendees

[REDACTED]

#### 3. Time and Date -

9.00am, 30/11/2018

#### 4. Location -

Technology Park, Mawson Lakes

#### 5. Purpose of Meeting

General briefing prior to your visit.

#### 6. Will the Minister be asked to make a decision at this meeting?

No

#### 7. Background

- Tindo Solar is a wholly Australian owned and operated company in the advanced manufacturing industry sector.
- Tindo Solar designs and manufactures solar photovoltaic (PV) modules from its automated plant in South Australia with robotic control at every stage of manufacture.
- Through focusing on automation and the use of advanced robotics Tindo Solar claim to be able to produce a quality product at affordable prices.
- Tindo Solar became part of the Cool or Cosy Group in 2017.
- Tindo Assets Pty Ltd is Australia's only manufacturer of solar panels.
- Tindo Operations Co Pty Ltd is the retail arm of the Tindo Group and has installed solar systems for over 2,000 households around Australia.
- Tindo Operations Co Pty Ltd provides engineering, procurement and construction services for commercial scale Tindo solar systems, solar farms and utility scale PV plants.
- Tindo Commercial has installed over 2 MW of commercial systems.
- In 2017/18 Tindo manufactured nearly 49,000 solar panels, an increase of 21.5% over the previous year.

## 8. Key Speaking Points

- Tindo has specifically raised concerns with the government about how the SA Industry Participation Policy (IPP) principles are applied, as its tenders in recent government projects have been unsuccessful.
- Tindo believe that Government procurement decisions are being made on 'up-front' price rather than total purchase and operational life costs and that inferior quality imported panels (compared to Tindo panels) are being offered at discounted pricing.
- In July 2018, [REDACTED] advised the Department for Industry and Skills (DIS) that the company had decided to cut shifts and consider redundancies due to cash flow and over-stocking issues (linked to increased production on the assumption Tindo would be a main supplier for the Virtual Power Plant). He specifically requested government assistance to incentivise the public to buy locally manufactured products, order products for government buildings, assist with marketing or provide direct financial support.
- He also advised that he had commenced discussions with the Queensland government to potentially relocate to Gladstone. DIS and DEM officials have continued to liaise with Tindo.
- The Office of the Industry Advocate (OIA) who oversees Tesla's compliance with the Industry Participation Plan has been briefed on this issue by DIS.
- DIS has advised that it is not providing any specific case management for Tindo, but has been ensuring that the OIA and DEM are kept up to date with correspondence from the company.

### *Virtual Power Plant*

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Tindo was included in the request for tender from Tesla and meetings were held in an attempt to negotiate the best pricing to include its product in the trial phases.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- Tindo was advised that it was an unsuccessful bidder for Phase 2 system supply on 19 November 2018.





*Other options*

- Tindo has recently begun exporting its 300W panels to Vietnam.
- Tindo is a system provider in the Home Battery Scheme and has qualified for the priority period through installation of sonnen batteries.

<div data-bbox="199 1216 539 1279" style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 28px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p><b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:</b> Sam Crafter  Ph: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>  Date: 28/11/2018</p>	<div data-bbox="799 1178 1038 1267" style="background-color: black; width: 100%; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p><b>DIRECTOR:</b> Natalie Atkinson  Ph: <span style="background-color: black; color: black;">[REDACTED]</span>  Date: 27/11/2018</p>
<p>Prepared by: Peter Watters, Principal Policy Officer, Energy Implementation, DEM  Phone: 84293603</p>	

**James, Dorothy (DEM)**

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**From:** Booth, Yvette (DEM)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 September 2018 4:00 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Home Battery Scheme

Thank you [REDACTED] – I have forwarded your emails to the Project Manager and asked if a departmental person can contact you to explain this.

Let me know if you don't hear from them by the end of the week.

Kind regards,  
 Yvette

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 September 2018 1:48 PM  
**To:** Booth, Yvette (DEM) <Yvette.Booth3@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Home Battery Scheme

Hello Yvette,

I phoned a couple of the solar companies, who advertise the South Australian Home Battery Scheme.

Cool or Cosy from Torrensville SA who are connected to Tindo from Mawson lakes SA. Cool or Cosy purchased Tindo in 2017.

Their websites make the government connection very clear and give a date of Oct 18<sup>th</sup> when all this may happen. Cool or Cosy verbally told me this date.

On the phone I was told, that Cool or Cosy are the SOLE distributor for the SA government. The only company doing this work with the government.

As with Natural Solar, I could have registered my interest but as I asked who I would be registering with, I was of course told Cool or Cosy.

They said NO to a deposit at this stage but would have liked us to start a process, most likely towards a contract.

I also found a website that appears to be Sonnen Australia. 1300 867 856. 'South Australian Home Battery Scheme'.

The only problem here, is that whatever line I chose to talk to someone, the recorded person said sorry they are busy. Please leave your details and we will get back to you !!

We would like to know, if the government are going to recommend companies. This would be so helpful.

Yvette all of these companies may be fine, it is just so confusing. Anything you can assist with would be most appreciated.

Thank you and regards [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, 25 September 2018 1:50 PM  
To: 'Booth, Yvette (DEM)' <Yvette.Booth3@sa.gov.au>  
Subject: RE: Home Battery Scheme

Hello Yvette,

Thanks for the link. I have not seen it before and I think that is because, when one googles Sonnen, all the other websites come up.

These websites advertise as being connected to the Government Battery and Rebate Scheme.

Could you please check if you are able, to see if we have been registered under [REDACTED],

[REDACTED].  
Allen and I have both been told that we have been registered.

We are sending you what documentation we have up to date.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Booth, Yvette (DEM) <Yvette.Booth3@sa.gov.au>  
Sent: Tuesday, 25 September 2018 1:02 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Home Battery Scheme

[REDACTED]

Thanks for the chat just now. If you could provide any further information about Natural Solar it would be great. I will then follow up with the Department.

The SA Government website is [www.energymining.sa.gov.au/hbs](http://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/hbs)

Kind regards,

**Yvette Booth**  
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## Martin, Alycia (DEM)

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**Subject:** Mtg with [REDACTED] - LANDSCAPE SA REFORM LEGISLATION (SP)  
**Location:** Minister's Office, Parliament House  
 North Terrace & King William Street  
 Adelaide SA 5000  
 Australia  
  
**Start:** Thu 2/08/2018 10:30 AM  
**End:** Thu 2/08/2018 11:00 AM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
  
**Organizer:** van Holst Pellekaan, Dan (DEM)  
**Required Attendees:** Zammit, Ben (DEM); Kelly, Dominic (DEM)  
  
**Categories:** Green Category

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29/6/18 – Original request rec'd via EO  
 29/6/18 – Minister emailed approval  
 19/7/18 – SP – LMRC on [REDACTED]  
 20/7/18 – SP – LMRC on [REDACTED]  
 23/7/18 – SP spoke to [REDACTED] who will email further details and draft program  
 25/7/18 – SP emailed Minister  
 30/7/18 – Minister approved



Landscape SA  
 Reform - Comm...

**Martin, Alycia (DEM)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 July 2018 9:49 PM  
**To:** Paech, Shannon (DEM)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Landscape SA Reform - Community Engagement program  
**Attachments:** CALENDAR OF EVENTS.docx; ATT00001.htm; Screen Shot 2018-07-23 at 2.30.53 pm.png; ATT00002.htm

Hi Shannon,

It was good to speak with you today. As discussed, [REDACTED] and myself have been appointed by DEW to deliver a comprehensive statewide engagement program for the Minister (Hon David Speirs) on the proposed Landscape SA reform legislation.

We are in the process of planning the engagement program which will endeavour to provide an opportunity to key stakeholders including Aboriginal Nations and outback regional communities with the opportunity to understand the reform proposals and provide comment and feedback.

I have attached an overview of the engagement process together with the engagement program as it presently stands. I have highlighted the dates and locations relevant to Minister Dan van Holst Pellekaan's electorate. In summary, at this stage we are looking at the following:

- A forum in Port Augusta - Friday 10 August
- A forum in Cooper Pedy - Wednesday 29 August
- A forum in Hawker - Tuesday 4 September
- Informal conversation with the Farghers at Parachilna - Tuesday 4 September
- A forum in Leigh Creek (include Copley and surrounds) - Wednesday 5 September
- Informal engagement - Nepabunna - Wednesday 5 September
- A forum in Maree (include surrounds) - Thursday 6 September

Forum's will be advertised and open to anyone who wishes to register to attend. Specific invitations will also be sent to key stakeholders. Informal conversations will also occur with key individuals and Aboriginal Nations.

I am keen to understand from the Minister the following:

- Does he wish to attend any of the forums? If he does, but cannot attend these dates then we may need to work out what can be shifted and what can't. There remains some opportunity for movement but it is a little limited.
- Does he have any specific individuals, landowners or stakeholder groups that we should ensure we speak to or engage through the process?

[REDACTED] and I would be happy to meet with the Minister later this week, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday - or next week except for Tuesday 31.

Thanks again for your help. Feel free to contact me on the number below.

Regards



Stakeholder Forums & Staff Sessions -- August & September 2018

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**James, Dorothy (DEM)**

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**From:** DEM:Minister Dan van Holst Pellekaan  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 May 2018 3:17 PM  
**To:** Paech, Shannon (DEM)  
**Subject:** FW: Mini Gas power Plants for SA- FW: Proposal for meeting with premier - urgent  
**Attachments:** Email to Premier-Apr18.docx

Thanks!

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 May 2018 4:26 PM  
**To:** DEM:Minister Dan van Holst Pellekaan <Dem.MinisterVHP@sa.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Mini Gas power Plants for SA- FW: Proposal for meeting with premier - urgent

Dear Minister

I have sent this email to the Premier's office on 16 th May 2018, to fix a meeting with you and the Premier regarding an important proposal for setting up Mini gas power plants in SA, which can solve the power crisis and also many benefits like jobs etc.

I would like to fix a time to meet you and discuss the proposal as soon as possible. The initial meeting will be for about 10 to 15 minutes, to outline the whole concepts and move forward.

We have made a small presentation which can be discussed during the meeting.

Please let me know a convenient time to have the initial discussions which can solve the SA power crisis in a short time. This is totally a new technology from USA .

I will be coordinating the complete process.

**Thanks & regards**

[REDACTED]

The Heat Seat Co Pty  
 9 The Walk, Mawson Lakes,  
 S Australia 5095

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 May 2018 3:54 PM  
**To:** [rebecca.smart@sa.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.smart@sa.gov.au)  
**Subject:** Mini Gas power Plants for SA- FW: Proposal for meeting with premier - urgent

Hi Rebecca

PI recall the telephone conversation today.

I am trying to fix a meeting with Premier and minister for energy since April 2018.

The initial request was forwarded through Elly form Hon Stephen Marshall's office.

It must have been missed in the busy schedule.

This is an important proposal to solve the power crisis for SA and also bring in new jobs.

I am attaching the old mails also.

Can you please forward the same to the concerned so that the meeting can be fixed soon.

***Thanks & regards***

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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S Australia 5095

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 7 April 2018 7:50 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Proposal for meeting with premier - urgent

[REDACTED]  
PI see the draft letter to fix a meeting with Premier for the mini power plants to SA.  
This has to be done at the earliest as I have the clearance from US company.  
During the meeting I can elaborate the plans and do a small presentation.  
PI try to fix the meeting at the earliest and I am planning to call the premier office on Monday.

***Thanks & regards***

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
The Heat Seat Co Pty  
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9 The Walk, Mawson Lakes,  
S Australia 5095

Dear Stephen

I would like to fix a time with you and other relevant ministers to discuss the current power crisis in S Australia and provide a solution. Following is the outline of my presentation

1. Install several mini power plants in many parts of the state, using a new state of the art fuel cell technology, by a US based firm.
2. This is part of a innovative technology and green power.
3. If S. Australia takes the lead, the head office for SE Asia will be located in Adelaide which will provide direct and indirect jobs for minimum 100 people.
4. After the first few installations the total power crisis in SA can be solved in less than 12 months. This will help in attracting new industries, further increasing the jobs prospects in SA.
5. After the initial installations for the Government rest of the installations of mini power plants will be funded by investors attracting business investments to the state and will not costing any more to the Government.

In summary the power crisis in SA will be solved permanently within 12 months and potentially open the doors to many new industries, new jobs, reduce power costs and **importantly it is 100% green power (pollution free).**

I would like to do a formal proposal on behalf of the US company to plan ahead.

Looking forward to meeting you in person at the earliest convinience.

Thanks & regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



Government  
of South Australia

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[REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Minister for Energy and Mining, the Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP, I acknowledge receipt of your email received in this office on 21 May 2018, about your request to meet with the Premier regarding your proposal to solve South Australia's power issues.

Your correspondence has been noted and will be brought to the attention of the Minister.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Office Manager to the  
Minister for Energy and Mining

3 | May 2018

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[REDACTED]  
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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your correspondence to the Hon Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia, regarding a proposal for mini gas power plants for South Australia. The Premier has referred your correspondence to me and requested that I respond on his behalf as this issue relates to my portfolio as the Minister for Energy and Mining.

I understand you recently met with Officials from my Department for Energy and Mining and provided information to them about your proposal. The Department has since forwarded a copy of your presentation material to my office.

I am advised that your proposal for a \$50 million investment by the State Government to establish 4MW mini gas power plants does not align with our existing suite of energy funding programs. However, you are encouraged to continue to work with Officials within my Department to identify areas of Government assistance that may be appropriate for your proposal.

The Government's comprehensive energy policy is focussed on delivering affordable, reliable and secure energy through a range of measures including a \$100 million home subsidy scheme, a \$50 million grid scale storage fund and \$200 million towards fast-tracking a new interconnector for South Australia in the National Electricity Grid.

In view of the above information and given that you have met with Officials from the Department for Energy and Mining, I advise that I am unable to meet with you personally to discuss your proposal further. However, I thank you for your interest in this important matter.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
**Hon Dan Van Holst Pellekaan MP**  
Minister for Energy and Mining

3/8/2018

Minister for Energy and Mining

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**James, Dorothy (DEM)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 August 2018 9:25 AM  
**To:** DPC:Premier  
**Subject:** Power costs

Hi Steven,

Over the last few years (at least) we've been hearing about the government working on delivering us overcharged South Aussies some cheaper power.

The last ludicrous figures I heard on the news was that we were going to get a massive saving of \$35/year.

Like many others in the community and also a pensioner, we're finding the exorbitant cost of our electricity hard to pay.

Can you please tell me at what stage the discussions are at or if indeed there are any discussions still going on?

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
 Parafield Gardens.  
 5107

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RECOMMENDATION

- Attached, for your consideration, is a draft response to [REDACTED] who wrote to the Premier, the Hon Steven Marshall MP, regarding the South Australian Government's policies for reducing electricity prices.

- It is recommended that you approve the draft response

Approved/Not Approved/Noted

cc: Paul Helthersay, Chief Executive, Department for Energy and Mining  
Vince Duffy, Executive Director, Energy and Technical Regulation

[REDACTED]  
Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP  
Minister for Energy and Mining

Date:

10/10/18

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Hon Dan  
van Holst Pellekaan MP



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[REDACTED]  
PARAFIELD GARDENS SA 5107

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email to the Hon Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia and myself regarding the status of the South Australian Government's policies to reduce electricity prices. As the matters you have raised relate to my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Energy and Mining, the Premier has asked me to respond.

The price of electricity in Australia has increased dramatically over a short period and the South Australian Government recognises the impact that rising energy prices has on the community. We have a comprehensive energy solution that aims to provide all South Australians with an electricity system that is affordable, reliable and secure.

We are implementing a series of actions to address electricity prices and to improve the reliability of supply. Some of these initiatives are already developed or implemented, while others will take more time. This is due to the complex nature of the National Electricity Market, and the need to consult and work with both state and national regulatory bodies and other jurisdictions.

Some of these initiatives include:

- the \$100 million Home Battery Scheme (HBS) to support the installation of approximately 40,000 energy storage systems on South Australian homes - you can find out more and register your interest via [www.energymining.sa.gov.au/hbs](http://www.energymining.sa.gov.au/hbs)
- the \$50 million Grid Scale Storage Fund to facilitate new storage technologies capable of addressing the intermittency of South Australia's electricity system
- \$30 million for demand response and aggregation trials to develop
- mechanisms to empower and reward consumers for managing their demand
- creation of an Interconnection Fund to support and expedite the delivery of a new interconnector between South Australia and New South Wales. The South Australian Government has committed \$14 million towards an early works package to bring forward this project, which will provide South Australians with access to cheap, baseload power and a more reliable energy supply
- establishing a Renewable Energy Zone between South Australia and New South Wales, supported by the interconnector, allowing South Australia to become a major energy exporter as it produces more renewable energy.

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These initiatives will allow South Australian customers to reduce their bills, whilst reducing peak prices across the network for all consumers.

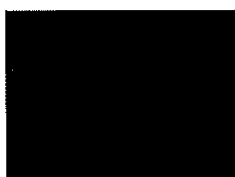
Energy prices are also a national issue, and in March 2017 the Commonwealth Government directed the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to hold an inquiry into the supply of retail electricity and the competitiveness of retail electricity prices. A final report was released on 11 July 2018, and the South Australian Government is considering the recommendations made in the report. More information is available via the ACCC website [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au)

It is important to note that some retailers have advised of reductions in electricity prices from 1 July 2018. In light of this, I encourage you to negotiate with your current energy retailer or investigate others to get a better energy deal that you are currently receiving, keeping in mind that you should discuss any applicable exit fees with your retailer. I recommend using the Commonwealth Government's Energy Made Easy service to compare available energy deals. This is available through [www.energymadeeasy.gov.au](http://www.energymadeeasy.gov.au) or by phoning 1300 585 165.

Finally, you may also wish to contact the South Australian Government's Energy Advisory Service (EAS), which is a free and independent service that provides information and support to the public to help manage energy usage and energy costs. EAS can be contacted by phoning 1800 671 907 or [energyadvice@sa.gov.au](mailto:energyadvice@sa.gov.au)

Thank you again for your email and I trust that the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP  
Minister for Energy and Mining

10/10/2018



**James, Dorothy (DEM)**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 August 2018 9:26 AM  
**To:** DEM:Minister Dan van Holst Pellekaan  
**Subject:** Power costs.

Hi Dan,

Over the last few yeas (at least) we've been hearing about the government working on delivering us overcharged South Aussies some cheaper power.

The last ludicrous figures I heard on the news was that we were going to get a massive saving of \$35/year.

Like many others in the community and also a pensioner, we're finding the exorbitant cost of our electricity hard to pay.

Can you please tell me at what stage the discussions are at or if indeed there are any discussions still going on.?

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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