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Dear Mr Thomas

RE: COMMENTS ON RENEWABLE HYDROGEN TARGET CONSULTATION PAPER

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Renewable Hydrogen Target consultation paper (the Consultation Paper).

Collgar Wind Farm (Collgar) supports the energy transition and development of lower carbon technologies. It is foreseeable that hydrogen will form part of that energy transition in the South West Interconnected System (SWIS) however the rationale for a renewable hydrogen target (RHT), or support for the hydrogen industry in any form, is unclear.

EPWA explained at its consultation forum that hydrogen is not currently economic and hence it is necessary to stimulate demand to enable the development of the hydrogen industry. While it may be the case that hydrogen is not currently economic in the SWIS, that in itself does not necessitate an industry development scheme nor demonstrate a business case for mandatory targets. Collgar considers demonstration that a hydrogen industry is of benefit to the state, and that it would not develop at sufficient pace without assistance, is necessary prior to the State Government committing to any RHT or other scheme.

Further, Collgar is concerned that the RHT is not aligned with the Wholesale Electricity Market

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The recent Economic Regulation Authority Triennial review of effectiveness of the Wholesale Electricity Market Discussion Paper (the Effectiveness Paper) not provide an adequate commercial justification for investing in the new, low-emission generation

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Collgar appreciates the opportunity to comment and is available to discuss its comments if needed.

Yours sincerely

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