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Ms Rebecca Knights
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Department of Premier and Cabinet
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RE: Energy Security Target Stakeholder Consultation

Dear Ms Knights

The South Australian Wine Industry Association (SAWIA), like many other business sector organisations, has been increasingly concerned about the costs and security of energy in South Australia. The wine industry is highly vulnerable in the hotter months of the year when security of supply is most at risk and we are particularly concerned about the scale of impacts on our sector of potential future blackouts especially if they were to occur during the critical grape harvest period or wine production periods. The reality is that this is a factor that is forcing wine businesses to consider a range of contingency plans that could also including shifting some, or even all, of their processing operations interstate. SAWIA would be pleased to increase its engagement with the government on all aspects of the SA Energy Plan.

SAWIA is pleased to provide feedback on the Energy Security Target Stakeholder Consultation paper.

- Whilst the Energy Security Target (EST) is aimed primarily at security, SAWIA wish to better understand the full range of impacts that this measure might potentially have on costs. The wine sector is quite dependent on electricity and, being a large exporter, needs to maintain competitiveness in the global market.
- We suggest that the government might wish to consider delaying further progression of the EST waiting until both the Finkel Review and the AEMC's System Security Market Frameworks Review are completed next month to ensure that it is consistent with national policy.

Yours sincerely

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