

## Email from Australian Senator for Victoria – Senator Jacinta Collins

Labor has won agreement from the Government on a package that will secure the future of the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA).

Labor created ARENA and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) and only Labor can be trusted to protect our renewable energy industry.

Under Labor renewable energy boomed, jobs in the industry tripled and growth in the number of households with rooftop solar went from 7,400 to 1.2 million.

Australia under Labor was rated one of the four most attractive destinations for renewable energy investment – with the US, China and Germany. This ranking plummeted under the Abbott-Turnbull Government.

Labor has consistently resisted attempts by the Abbott-Turnbull Government to undermine the renewable energy industry, and we are doing so again today.

Through Labor's strong advocacy, Labor has won an agreement with the Government to provide ARENA with secured funding of \$800 million over 5 years. According to ARENA, this level of funding will allow it to continue its important work.

This funding is in addition to the funding ARENA has in place to complete around 200 existing projects and to fund the large scale solar projects announced on 8 September.

Importantly, this package will also deliver the industry some much needed certainty after three years of attacks by the Abbott-Turnbull Government.

Labor took a comprehensive package of credible climate change policies to the election, including:

- \$300 million of funding for ARENA;
- a commitment to 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030; and
- \$300 million for a strategic industries fund to ensure emission intensive industries and their workers are able to make the transition to a clean energy economy.

We promised strong climate change policies at the election and we will continue to deliver on those policies.

Yours sincerely,

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