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Dear Mr Thomas

**State electricity objectives**

Collgar Renewables (Collgar) is pleased to support the draft State Electricity Objectives (SEO). The three limbs of the SEO, which aim to ensure a reliable, affordable and sustainable electricity system for Western Australia, are aligned with Collgar's core values and business objectives.

Collgar acknowledges that the first two limbs of the SEO are crucial for the stability and affordability of the state's energy system. The third limb, which focuses on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, is equally important for the sustainability of the power system and to meet Australia's climate goal. Collgar Renewables supports this limb and has invested heavily in renewable energy technologies to reduce emissions and contribute to sustainability goals.

However, Collgar suggests that subsection (3) of the SEO should be amended to ensure that all three limbs are given equal weight in decision-making processes. The current wording allows the Minister, the Authority and the Coordinator or the Board to weight the limbs as they consider appropriate to the circumstances, which could lead to one limb being prioritised over the others.

Alternatively, Collgar proposes that a guiding framework be developed to ensure that the weight of each limb is assessed in a balanced and transparent manner. This framework could consider the social, economic, and environmental impacts of each limb, and provide guidance on how to balance these impacts appropriately.

In conclusion, Collgar supports the new State Electricity Objectives and believes that they are a positive step towards a more reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy system for Western Australia.

We would be please to discuss our proposal to ensure that all three limbs of the SEO are given equal weight in decision-making processes with you in more detail should you wish.

Yours sincerely



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