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To: AER Exemptions <AERExemptions@aer.gov.au>
Subject: Volt Advisory Group Pty Ltd - Individual Exemption Application

Dear Ms Sudarsono

I am a Daintree resident, business and land owner

My family and I have lived in the Daintree community for generations and we run a number of businesses including the local store. Unlike the majority of Australians, we do not have access to clean, affordable and reliable electricity and are currently required to produce our own expensive, unreliable and inefficient power system which is mostly diesel generation. It is polluting, hard to maintain and extremely costly to run in terms of fuel cost and maintenance and replacements. The lack of access to this basic right creates significant hardship for residents and businesses.

As it is proposed, the Daintree Renewable Microgrid will provide a solution to address these issues.

Approving the Individual exemption application is in the long-term interests of energy consumers. It enables the provision of renewable energy to customers in the Daintree community who currently have limited energy options and no connection to the national electricity grid in the microgrid footprint.

I understand that customers will be able to opt out of the arrangement and opting in will be based on explicit informed consent. Customers who opt out will be able to rely upon their existing method of diesel (or other) generation should they wish.

Please contact me on [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Cheers

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