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Sent: Sunday, 16 April 2023 6:31 PM
To: AER Exemptions <AERExemptions@aer.gov.au>
Subject: Daintree renewable grid

Dear Ms Sudarsono

I am a long-term resident and business owner in the Daintree community and run a number of significant local businesses including tours operations and resort accommodation. We employ 30-40 staff during our operational season. 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 100% diesel generation. It is polluting, hard to maintain and extremely costly to run in terms of fuel cost, maintenance and replacement. The lack of access to this basic right creates significant hardship for residents and businesses. Many tourists who come to the Daintree to experience its pristine rainforest are stunned to learn of how our community is forced to produce its power in this current day and it reflects poorly on Australia's environmental credentials.

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] or [REDACTED] if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them, their culture and to the Elders past, present and future.

Always was, always will be.