**Attn: XXX**

**Date: 23 February 2018**

Dear XXX

I have been in business since XX and have XX employees, many of whom live as well as work in your electorate.

I consider myself reasonably apolitical and generally leave politics and policy to the politicians.

However, as the owner of a manufacturing business in the printing sector, I can no longer sit idly by as poor Government policy on energy creates unsustainable energy prices that impact my business and potentially the employment of my staff.

The printing industry is seeking:

* new rules to create incentives for businesses who invest in energy infrastructure that adds to electricity supply, especially at peak times, and to reward businesses who use less during those same peaks;
* accelerated depreciation rates introduced with retrospective effect from 1/7/17, for energy infrastructure installed, commissioned and ready for use by Australian printers. Assets must cost less than $100,000 + GST to qualify for immediate deduction, with a 30% depreciation rate thereafter;
* and to encourage the investment in suitable assets, we seek a Government-mandated 30% rebate direct from all energy retailers where electricity usage is reduced by at least 15% within a 6 month period, year on year.

Unless your policies on energy improve, I will be encouraging my employees who live in your electorate to vote for a Party other than yours.

Sincerely,

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