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Submissions Climate Change Authority GPO Box 787 ACT 2600

Dear Submissions,

Please find our submission on behalf of Region Development Victoria's <u>Central Highlands</u> <u>Regional Partnership</u>.

We are the conduit between communities and government to identify and assist in the development community-centric solutions to economic, social, and environmental sustainability and resilience in our region. Through community engagement, energy has been highlighted as a top priority for the region and we have partnered with our neighbours Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Partnership who have uncovered similar views in their communities to energy. As such we have formed an advisory board "G-Net" to facilitate economic development through opportunities in energy.

With \$7-\$10 billion of renewable energy generation investment at various stages of the development pipeline, and several nationally significant renewable energy projects operational in our region we are acutely aware of the valuable work that the National Wind Farm Commissioner does for all stakeholders and are only too happy to provide a submission.

Yours sincerely,

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