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**Section 47F**

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Dear **Section 47F**

Thank you for your email of 1 March 2011 concerning **Section 47F**  
I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

I would like to reassure you that Australia has met its obligations under the G20 commitment to remove inefficient fossil fuel subsidies that cause wasteful consumption. Australia submitted its response to the G20, concluding that we had no measures within the scope of the Commitment. Australia's position was based on defining a subsidy as a measure that reduces local prices below the market price, a price-gap approach which was adopted by many other countries. In Australia, consumers pay market rates for fuel and producers benefit only from economy wide or sector-wide concessions.

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Thank you for bringing ~~the~~your concerns to my attention. As always we value ~~the~~ constructive feedback ~~of~~from your organisation.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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