

Secretariat Review of Australian Education Location 023 GPO Box 9880 Canberra, ACT 2601

Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering

Re - Rewarding University Greenhouse Gas Abatement and Sustainability Initiatives

Dear Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley, Mr Peter Noonan, Dr Helen Nugent and Mr Bill Scales,

I have been employed in the higher education sector over the last 10 years and know how universities have been conditioned to respond to financial imperatives.

Given that your terms of reference for "Review to look at future of higher education in Australia" and the leadership role our higher education sector could and should be playing in the greenhouse gas abatement and sustainability activities of the nation, would your panel please consider that;

"In the radical shift from centralised sectoral reform to mission-based compacts between the Commonwealth and individual institutions, your Review Panel considers significantly rewarding any university that uses its new found 'flexibility' and 'priority setting' to achieve Australia's greenhouse gas emission targets through both, demonstrated operational practice and its core activities of education, research and research training, community outreach and innovation and request that the chairman of the National Innovation Review, CSIRO director Terry Cutler, when assessing the cost of research at universities and the effectiveness of current funding for research and training and infrastructure to do so with a focus on meeting Australia's commitment to greenhouse emission targets and sustainability. "

Yours sincerely,

Dr John Russell