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Dear Ms Kelly

I am pleased to inform you that South Australia now has more than 20 per cent of its annual electricity production coming from renewable energy.

This means we have achieved the Federal Government's national target **nine years** ahead of schedule. No other state is anywhere near us. We have also achieved this level of renewable energy production three years ahead of our own target which, when we announced it in 2007, was seen to be overly ambitious.

In 2002, South Australia did not have one wind turbine in operation. Today, after billions of dollars of private sector investment in our wind generating capacity, we produce on a per capita basis **five** times more wind power than Victoria and **ten** times more than New South Wales. If South Australia was a nation, and not a state, our market penetration of wind power would put us second only to Denmark. Our State currently has 54 per cent of Australia's wind power generation capacity.

So, in a dry state that has virtually no hydro-electricity, we are now on track to reach our ambitious target of 33 per cent of our electricity coming from renewable energy by 2020. We have also purchased and will develop the 61 hectare former Mitsubishi car plant at Tonsley in Adelaide to become a centre for green, cleantech industries and research.

During a time of strong infrastructure expansion, economic and employment growth, South Australia's carbon emissions are dropping faster than any other mainland state in Australia. It can be done.

Yours sincerely

MIKE RANN
Premier
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