

Mr Keith Hughes Convenor South East Region Conservation Alliance Inc PO Box 724 Narooma NSW 2546

29 September 2009

Dear Mr Hughes,

I refer to your letter dated 18 September 2009 to Andrew Dudgeon in relation to the use of wood fired power.  $\cdot$ 

AGL has a long-standing Biomass Policy which states that AGL will not source fuel for power generation from native forest or from crops located in areas cleared of native forest after 1990. The AGL Biomass Policy was originally published in 2005. The policy is still in effect and AGL has controls in place for implementing the policy.

The AGL Biomass Policy is publicly available on our website at www.agl.com.au/Downloads/Biomass%20Policy.pdf.

I trust that the leadership position we have adopted meets with your expectations. Should you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9921 2906 or at <a href="mailto:churbon@agl.com.au">churbon@agl.com.au</a>

Regards

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30 September 2009

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Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2009 querying our position in relation to green power and the possibility of our Company being approached to buy wood-fired power from the Eden chip mill.

To date this year Australian Power & Gas has only purchased renewable energy certificates (RECs) generated from non-wood waste sources and GreenPower accredited landfill projects. In previous years, our REC purchases have been limited to those created by hydro-electric generation plants or via the aggregation of domestic solar hot water installations. In fact, Australian Power & Gas adopts as a general rule that RECs purchased are to be created from a non-wood waste source.

In addition to offering a range of 'greentricity' energy products that have the GreenPower tick of approval for being government accredited, clean, renewable energy sourced from the sun, wind, water or waste, we also actively encourage our entire staff to support our 100% greentricity product through the Australian Power & Gas staff energy plan.

Yours sincerely

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7 October 2009

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Dear Mr Hughes

## **Dead Koala Electricity**

I refer to your letter dated 18 September 2009, addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of ActewAGL (Mr Michael Costello). Mr Costello has asked that I respond to your letter on his behalf.

ActewAGL is very conscious of the need to preserve Australia's native forest. ActewAGL does not and will not purchase electricity generated from native wood waste, for Greenchoice or for any other purpose.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact me directly on 02 6161 8347.

Yours sincerely

Ayesha Razzaq General Manager

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