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**Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation**  
**Productivity Commission**  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached a submission to the Draft Report of the inquiry into ***Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation***.

The submission is the final report from the *Informing Adaptation Policy* Workshop held at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra on 3-4 May 2012. It was organised by the ANU on behalf of the co-sponsors, the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility (NCCARF), the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE) and the ANU. The key objective was to draw on actual climate adaptation experience, practice and research from over 50 participants representing a wide range of sectors and interests, in order to inform government climate change adaptation policy.

Participants included private and industry sector organisations, the community services sector, local councils and local government associations, state and territory governments, Commonwealth departments and agencies, regional organisations, consultants and researchers. Given the diversity of participation, there was a remarkable consensus on many of the priority adaptation issues going forward.

The workshop discussion also involved consideration of the Productivity Commission's Draft Report on 'Barriers to Effective Climate Change Adaptation' which was released a week before the workshop. It was not the purpose of the workshop to review the Draft Report and indeed it did not do this explicitly – rather it was seen as a significant input. However the workshop participants naturally discussed aspects of the Draft Report and expressed some views.

A workshop report was prepared by the ANU and validated by circulation of a draft for comment from all workshop participants. This resulting report for policy makers therefore summarises the conclusions of the workshop including some comments on the Productivity Commission's Draft Report. As stated in the report it should not in itself be taken to represent the views of DCCEE or other government agencies, NCCARF or the ANU.

I would be pleased to clarify any aspect of the report if this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely

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