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Dear Ms Parsons

Standing Committee inquiry into the response of Western Australian schools to climate change

Thank you for the invitation to provide a submission to the Education and Health Standing Committee on its inquiry into the response of Western Australian schools to climate change.

The Authority is an independent statutory body established under the Climate Change Authority Act 2011 to provide expert advice on climate change matters and policy issues. We recognise the important role that education plays in shaping how people understand and interact with the environment.

We have not given specific attention to climate change responses by schools. However, I can draw the Committee's attention to a paper released by the Authority last year, [Prospering in a low-emissions world: An updated climate policy toolkit for Australia](#), which may be of some help in your consideration of these issues.

Specifically, a key area of the report focuses on making improvements to the energy efficiency of equipment and buildings and developing detailed action plans to do so. The chapters on reducing emissions from waste, including by limiting organic waste going to landfills and improving recycling practices, and transport, including by uptake of more fuel-efficient vehicles, may also be of interest.

The Authority has also recently released two [research reports](#) on the global response to climate change and implications for Australia, which may be of broader interest.

I hope this information is of assistance to the Committee, and I wish you all the best for the next stage of your inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

Brad Archer
Chief Executive Officer

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