

Dear Sir/Madam, as per your request to the BCA attached are Origin's comments on environmental goods and tariff liberalisation, regards, Tim.

Cogeneration parts

- We estimate that cogeneration plants produce approximately 40% lower carbon emissions, as compared with grid electricity supplied by coal fired generators, and therefore provide clear environmental benefits.
- The two documents attached lists for MTU and MWM engines, in relation to which there are hundreds of components. At present, these pieces of equipment and parts would appear to be covered by sub-headings 8404 and 8405 of Schedule 3 to the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* (5% duty rate).

Windfarms

- We are happy with the currently proposed items, so no additional comments.

Electric Cars

- Environmental benefits include no tailpipe emissions and, coupled with a green power recharge station, zero carbon emissions. Lower pollution in the cities mean increased air quality and silent running mean no noise pollution.
- Manufacture rates for electric cars are currently very low in Australia and manufacture rates for cars generally are forecast to decrease significantly in the near future.
- There is currently at a 5% customs duty rate (classification 8703.90.19) and in our view this ought to be abolished.

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