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Dear Sir

The Lake Pedder Restoration Committee works for the restoration of Lake Pedder and our proposals would lead to some reduction of electricity output from the Gordon Dam power station.

When Lake Pedder was flooded, no proper assessment was made of its environmental and aesthetic significance. Work done – at the time of its flooding by professionals excluded from the political process, and subsequently – has enabled a true assessment to be made of its extraordinary value. For example, the geomorphologist Dr Kevin Kiernan has written:

"There is nothing...that even approaches Lake Pedder in terms of morphology and genesis...it is a very, very special feature on a world scale..."<sup>1</sup>

In view of these findings, the flooding appears as a most serious error that could not be perpetrated in contemporary Australia, and restoration a highly appropriate and worthwhile response.<sup>2</sup>

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has given formal international recognition to the restoration cause:

"The General Assembly of [International Union for the Conservation of Nature] IUCN CALLS UPON the Tasmanian State Government and the Government of Australia to investigate the feasibility of (a) the restoration of the original Lake Pedder and REQUESTS the Director General to make available relevant technical expertise and advice to achieve the restoration."<sup>3</sup>

As the Lake Pedder Restoration Committee is currently preparing a major submission for Governments regarding the restoration of Lake Pedder, we urge your committee to not make any recommendations that would prejudice the ability of Governments to restore Lake Pedder at any time in the future.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> From Chapter 3, Australian Government House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment, Recreation and the Arts, Inquiry into the Proposal to Drain and Restore Lake Pedder, June 1995

<sup>2</sup> Sharples C. (ed.) Lake Pedder: Values and Restoration. Occasional Paper No. 27 Centre for Environmental Studies, UTAS, 2001.

<sup>3</sup> (IUCN), 19th Session, Buenos Aires, Jan 1994