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The Chair ,CGC, Professor G Smith,

Sir,

As a very concerned Western Australian Citizen I wish to draw your attention to what appears to be a major injustice to WA finances.

I refer to statements & rulings made by your immediate predecessor Mr A Henderson, and I quote from these statements he made, in part.

1. Commission chair, A Henderson says, WA has unprecedented fiscal capacity, because of record growth in mining production. That State is recommended to see a cut of \$549 million dollars, a record low for the State.

2, In contrast, the Commission says, Queensland needs a boost of \$696 million, to make up for the fall in coal prices.

My research reveals that Queensland coal prices resulted in falls of,

A, coaking coal fell 19 / 20 %, B, thermal coal fell 11 / 12%, an average of 15%.

End of Quotes from Alan Henderson, now the reality of fiscal capacity is adressed.

During this year of 2014, iron ore prices have fallen by a record 35 / 36%, resulting in a massive down turn for the WA economy.. The long term forecasts are for further drops for iron ore pricing, making the position for WA even more severe.

The results of those savage earlier cuts to WA, has led to further cuts to our credit rating, now, the worst in Australia.

Surely, there is sufficient evidence here, for you as Chair of CGC to strongly recommend A boost to WA finances, similar or even better than that offered to Queensland.

I look forward to your early & favourable response.

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CC to C Barnett & M Nahan