

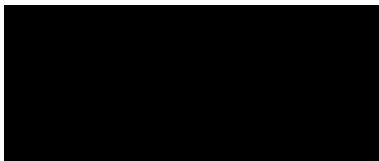
Director Responsibility Statement

An officer of the Directlink Joint Venture hereby certifies that:

- In accordance with schedule 6A.1.1 (5) of the National Electricity Rules, the key assumptions used in the capital expenditure forecasts (attached) are reasonable.
- In accordance with schedule 6A1 .2(6) of the National Electricity Rules, the key assumptions used in the operating expenditure forecasts (attached) are reasonable.
- Capital and operating expenditure forecasts are based on the best available information at the time of submission.
- The historic capital and operating expenditure information provided in support of this revenue proposal is drawn up consistent with the National Electricity Rules.

Signed according to a resolution of directors:

Director







Attachment: Key Assumptions

Capital Expenditure

Directlink's forecast capital expenditure over the next period is based on the following key assumptions:

- there is no change being made to the maximum capacity of the Interconnector in the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030;
- the forecasts are based on current legislative and regulatory obligations and these obligations will not materially change prior to 30 June 2030;
- there is no change in the outputs delivered by the Directlink interconnector; and
- the forecast capital expenditure is designed to maintain the quality, reliability and security of supply for the Directlink interconnector and non-network options are not appropriate.

Operating Expenditure

Forecasting Directlink's operating and maintenance cost over the next period is based on the following assumptions:

- there is no change being made to the maximum capacity of the Interconnector in the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2030;
 - the forecasts are based on current legislative and regulatory obligations and these obligations will not materially change prior to 30 June 2030;
 - the best forecast of operating expenditure to meet the Rules' objectives over the 2025-30 period is to use Directlink's current and most recent operating and maintenance requirements;
 - adjustments are only required to reflect changes in input costs and step changes;
 - there is no change in the outputs delivered by the Directlink interconnector; and
- forecast operating expenditure is designed to maintain and operate the Directlink interconnector and non-network options are not appropriate.