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To:

Australian Energy Regulator AERringfencing@aer.gov.au

Subject: Essential Energy Training Waiver

Dear Sir/Madam/AER,

As Director of BOSCHETTI, a regional electrical contracting business based in Thurgoona, I am writing to express our strong support for Essential Energy's application for a ring-fencing waiver to established a Training Academy in regional New South Wales.

Our business, like many others operating in regional areas, faces persistent challenges in sourcing and retaining skilled electrical workers. The establishment of a local training facility would be a game changer, enabling us to develop talent within our own communities rather than relying on metropolitan-based training providers.

Training workers close to where they live and work not only reduces travel time and costs but also minimizes disruption to our operations. It allows us to maintain continuity in service delivery while investing in the professional development of our team.

We have confidence in Essential Energy's ability to deliver high-quality, industry-relevant training. Their deep understanding of the network infrastructure and operational standards ensures that trainees will be equipped with the practical skills and safety knowledge required for real-world conditions.

Currently, there are limited accredited training options in our region that align with the specific need of electrical contractors. Essential Energy's proposed academy would fill this gap, offering accessible and affordable training that supports small businesses like ours.

We also see broader benefits for the community, including job creation, increased local spending, and support for the clean energy transition through targeted upskilling in renewable technologies.

We urge the AER to approve this waiver and enable Essential Energy to proceed with this important initiative. We are available to provide further information if required and consent to this letter being published as part of the public record.

Sincerely,



Robert Boschetti Director Boschetti

