

**To Whom it May Concern**

**Re: Support for AusNet's Proposal to Develop a Dedicated Training Yard**

On behalf of the Victorian Electricity Supply Industry Skills and Training Reference Committee, (VESI STRC), I am writing to express our support for AusNet's initiative to establish a dedicated training yard. This facility represents a significant step forward in advancing the training, safety, and operational excellence within the electricity supply industry in Victoria.

As a key contributor to the state's energy infrastructure, AusNet has consistently demonstrated its

commitment to maintaining high industry standards and fostering workforce development. The proposed training yard aligns closely with VESI's core objectives to enhance technical expertise, promote compliance with industry regulations, and ensure the safety and reliability of Victoria's electricity network.

The benefits of an AusNet-owned training facility are multifaceted, including:

1. **Tailored Training Programs:** A dedicated training yard will allow for the development of customised programs specific to AusNet's operational requirements, ensuring apprentices and employees are trained using the latest tools, techniques, and safety protocols.
2. **Enhanced Safety Practices:** The controlled environment of a training yard will provide opportunities to simulate high-risk scenarios, reinforcing safety practices and minimising on-the-job hazards.
3. **Increased Capacity for Skill Development:** With the facility in place, AusNet will have the ability to expand its training capacity, addressing current and future workforce demands while supporting the Victorian energy sector's growth and sustainability.
4. **Alignment with VESI Standards:** The training yard will be a benchmark for industry best practices, ensuring alignment with VESI's regulatory and operational frameworks while supporting the industry's commitment to continuous improvement.

We support AusNet recognising the importance of investing in workforce development and infrastructure. This project will not only strengthen AusNet's training capabilities but will also set a precedent for innovation and excellence across the industry.

The VESI STRC is confident that this initiative will yield long-term benefits for AusNet, the industry, and the broader community. We look forward to seeing its positive impact on our industry.

Yours Faithfully,



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Chairman VESI STRC