



## Independent auditor's report

To the Directors of the NSW Electricity Network Operations Pty Ltd as trustee (the Trustee) for NSW Electricity Networks Operations Trust

### Our opinion

We have audited the pre period costs financial information included in the accompanying System Strength Acceleration Project Report (Report) of NSW Electricity Network Operations Trust, trading as Transgrid (Transgrid) for the financial years ended 30 June 2022 (2021-22), 30 June 2023 (2022-23), 30 June 2024 (2023-24) and 30 June 2025 (2024-25).

The financial information comprises the actual pre period costs for the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 within the following schedules within the Report:

- 5a. Network capital costs (C)
- 5b. Network capital costs (NC)
- 6a. Operating costs (C)
- 6b. Operating costs (NC)
- 8. Assets summary
- 9. Non-network
- 10. Historical expenditure
- 11. D&C and non-D&C capex (together, the financial information).

In our opinion the accompanying financial information within the Report presents fairly, in all material respects, the pre-period costs of the System Strength Acceleration Project of Transgrid for the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 in accordance with Information notice issued to Transgrid for the System Strength Acceleration Project dated 4 March 2026 (the Notice) issued by the Australian Energy Regulator.

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## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial information included in the Report* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **Independence**

We are independent of Transgrid in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional & Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial information in the Report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

## **Emphasis of matter - basis of accounting and restriction on distribution and use**

We draw attention to the financial information accompanying the Report, which describes the basis of accounting. The Report has been prepared to assist the Trustee in satisfying the requirements of the Australian Energy Regulator. As a result, the Report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for NSW Electricity Networks Operations Trust, the Directors of the Trustee and the Australian Energy Regulator and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than NSW Electricity Networks Operations Trust, the Directors of the Trustee and the Australian Energy Regulator. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## **Other information**

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Report for the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, but does not include the financial information and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial information does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial information, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially



inconsistent with the schedules or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Responsibilities of management for the financial information included in the Report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial information included in the Report in accordance with the Notice issued by the Australian Energy Regulator, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial information included in the Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial information included in the Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial information included in the Report as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial information included in the Report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial information included in the Report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates, if any, and related disclosures made by management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the schedules, including the disclosures, and whether the financial information included in the Report represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial information included in the Report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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