



**City of
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Mr Warwick Anderson
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Australian Energy Regulator
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By email: SAPN2020@aer.gov.au

Dear Mr Anderson,

**SA POWER NETWORKS ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION PRICE REVIEW FOR
2020-2021 TO 2024-2025 - PUBLIC LIGHTING**

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters welcomes the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the 2020-2021 to 2024-2025 SA Power Networks (SAPN) Electricity Distribution Price Review for public lighting. In doing so, the Council acknowledges the important role which the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) plays in providing fairness and transparency in respect to pricing determinations associated with public lighting.

The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters is a dynamic and vibrant inner urban municipality with a rich culture and history. The City offers a cosmopolitan lifestyle that is attractive to residents, businesses and visitors. It spans 21 suburbs, within an area of 15.1 km² and has a population of approximately 36,600.

Since late 2018, representatives from the Council have been participating in a Public Lighting Working Group (Working Group), formed to facilitate a practical and representative interface between SAPN and South Australian public lighting customers, including councils and the SA Government's Department of Planning Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI). It was established as a representative body for negotiating issues under the current regulatory framework and facilitating the practical transition to the new regulatory framework commencing in July 2020.

The Working Group is co-ordinated and chaired by the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA) and is comprised of representatives of the City of Charles Sturt, City of Holdfast Bay, City of Mitcham, Mount Barker District Council, City of Mount Gambier, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters, City of Onkaparinga, City of Port Lincoln, City of Prospect and City of West Torrens.

The introduction of the Working Group has resulted in a marked improvement in the relationship and level of communication between SAPN and Local Government. The information provided through the Working Group has enabled councils to have a broader understanding of public lighting services and the ability to provide input into future processes.

The Council has reviewed the LGA's submission to the SAPN Electricity Distribution Price Review for public lighting and has had the opportunity to provide input through its representation on the Working Group.

Having considered all the relevant matters associated with this review, I confirm that the Council supports the submission which has been prepared by the Local Government Association of South Australia (LGA).

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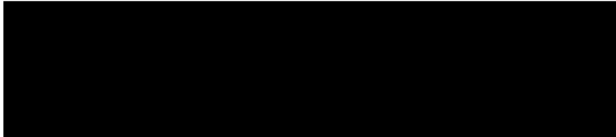
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The Council looks forward to continuing to work with the Working Group, SAPN and the AER during the conduct of this review and values and appreciates the contribution which the AER has made in ensuring that equitable and consistent approaches are made to pricing to achieve 'best value' for the community, industry and all levels of government.

The Council strongly commends the LGA submission and looks forward to a successful outcome.

Yours sincerely

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Mario Barone PSM
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