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Ms Michelle Groves
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Energy Regulator
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Dear Ms Groves

RE: DRAFT DECISION ON PRICING AROUND PUBLIC LIGHTING

Coolamon Shire Council would like to support the draft decision made by the AER in allowing average increases of 5% in 2015/2016 for proposed public lighting charges.

In addition to supporting this draft decision, Council would like to ensure that the review continues to monitor the service standard that sees the replacement of the current lamps to LED lighting. This should in reality reduce the ongoing operational costs and allow for a reduction in maintenance costs over time.

In order to ensure that Council are aware of when and what type of light replacement will occur, it is requested that Council be consulted prior to any replacement programme.

Yours sincerely

Tony Donoghue
General Manager