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Dear Mr Roberts,

The ETU NSW Branch is responding to your call for public submissions on your draft decision on Ausgrid.

The ETU NSW Branch has collaborated with the McKell Institute in our submission.

We respect and understand the important role the AER plays in regulating the distribution networks.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to your determination to ensure the views, concerns and priorities of the workforce of Ausgrid and the broader community are represented.

While we acknowledge the need for continuous efficiencies, believe that these must weighed against the priorities of:

- maintaining safety for workers and the public
- ensuring best practice in work procedures are in place
- maintaining the highest level of reliability in electricity supply
- delivering genuine cost saving to the end user
- ensuring the risks of outages and fires are minimised to the greatest extent possible
- ensuring the long-term efficiency and capacity of the workforce.

We trust you will look favourably on our submission and should you have any follow up questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or our Operations Officer, Mr George Houssos on 02 9267 4844.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Justin Page'.

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