

## **ElectraNet Transmission Network Revised Revenue Proposal**

Appendix A Director's Responsibility Statement





## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors of ElectraNet Pty Ltd (ABN 41 094 482 416) hereby certify that:

- In accordance with the requirements of clause S6A.1.1(5) of the National Electricity Rules, the key assumptions<sup>1</sup> that relate to capital expenditure are reasonable for the purpose of establishing an efficient ex-ante capital expenditure allowance for ElectraNet's Revised Transmission Network Revenue Proposal 2013-14 to 2017-18;
- In accordance with the requirements of clause S6A.1.1(6) of the National Electricity Rules, the key assumptions<sup>2</sup> that relate to operating expenditure are reasonable for the purpose of establishing an efficient ex-ante operating expenditure allowance for ElectraNet's Revised Transmission Network Revenue Proposal 2013-14 to 2017-18;
- The capital and operating expenditure forecasts are based on the best available information at the time of submission;
- The historic capital and operating expenditure information provided in support
  of ElectraNet's Transmission Network Revised Revenue Proposal 2013-14 to
  2017-18 is drawn up and presented fairly according to the AER's submission
  guidelines and cost allocation guidelines, and consistent with ElectraNet's
  approved Cost Allocation Methodology; and
- All related party transactions are commercially based and are disclosed in the annual regulatory financial statements in accordance with the AER's Information Guidelines.

The key assumptions with respect to the capital expenditure forecast are set out in Chapter 5 of the Revenue Proposal (31 May 2012), as amended in the revised Revenue Proposal, and relate to:

Forecast demand growth at connection points provided by the distributor and direct connect customers, and forecast State-wide diversified demand published by AEMO in its National electricity forecasting report, 2012;

Possible future market development scenarios developed by Roam Consulting to test the robustness of the forecast;

<sup>•</sup> Network models, planning standards (including those specified in the National Electricity Rules and the South Australian Electricity Transmission Code) and design standards;

<sup>•</sup> Asset condition data and risk assessments;

<sup>•</sup> Project scopes and cost estimates based on ElectraNet's internal estimating system;

Forecasts of wages growth, land appreciation and construction costs based on independent expert advice;

<sup>•</sup> Equity raising costs based on a benchmark allowance; and

<sup>•</sup> Cost estimation portfolio risk analysis based on expert advice.

The key assumptions with respect to the operating expenditure forecast are set out in Chapter 6 of the Revenue Proposal (31 May 2012), as amended in the revised Revenue Proposal, and relate to:

<sup>·</sup> The efficiency of ElectraNet's base year costs;

<sup>•</sup> Forecasts generated from a routine maintenance and corrective forecasting model;

<sup>•</sup> Identification of required maintenance refurbishment projects in the Asset Management Plan;

<sup>•</sup> Forecasts of wages growth and land appreciation based on independent expert advice;

<sup>•</sup> The impact of scope changes driving costs higher than are represented in the base year costs;

Independently sourced insurance and self-insurance forecasts;

Debt raising costs based on a benchmark allowance; and

Network support forecast based on existing contractual arrangements.



## Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors:

Name Gordon Jardine

Dated

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Chairman and Director

Name PK Chin

Dated

Director