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Scott Turner

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Mr Gary Humphreys
Chief Operating Officer
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Dear Mr Humphreys

Lismore City Council at its meeting of 9 December 2014, resolved as follows:

"That Council write to Essential Energy, Australian Energy Regulator, the Minister for the Environment and the Premier expressing its concern that:

- 1. In addition to Essential Energy's attempt to substantially increase its charges for street lighting it appears that Essential Energy are not committed to using LED technology for street lighting in the short to medium term.*
- 2. This means Essential Energy customers, including Lismore, will continue to be paying for outdated technology and unable to access the substantial savings that come with adoption of that technology."* (Resolution Number 232/14).

It is acknowledged that Essential Energy has formed a consultative committee on street lighting to engage with its local Council customers and the first meeting of this committee was held on 11 December 2014.

I look forward to your response on these issues and a commitment from Essential Energy to providing its customers with the most energy efficient street lighting.

Yours faithfully



Gary Murphy
General Manager

cc The Hon. Mike Baird, MP
The Hon. Rob Stokes, NSW Minister for the Environment
Ms Michelle Grove, CEO, Office of the Australian Energy Regulator