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Mr Sebastian Roberts  
General Manager, Network Regulation  
Australian Energy Regulatory  
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Dear Mr Roberts

**Submission on Energex's regulatory proposal 2015-2020**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the regulatory proposal.

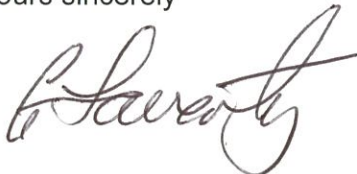
As Sunshine Coast Council is committed to purchase a relatively high volume of electricity, it is consequently exposed to electricity price volatility and the associated price risk. A consistent rise in the price of electricity over the past decade has placed an increased financial burden on ratepayers.

This is driving an increased focus on alternative electricity options such as the Sunshine Coast solar farm project and the public lighting project, in an attempt to reduce electricity-related costs and associated risk exposure. Council and our community have benefitted substantially from the residential demand management program that Energex has been building for the past four years on the Sunshine Coast.

Please refer to Attachment 1 public lighting and Attachment 2 demand management for Sunshine Coast Council's submission.

Should your officers require any further information regarding this submission, please contact Simon Crock, Council's Coordinator Commercial Analysis, on (07) 5441 8356.

Yours sincerely



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