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Mr. Warrick Anderson
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Dear Mr. Anderson,

Re: Framework and Approach Paper- Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy and Essential Energy

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Framework and Approach Paper- Ausgrid, Endeavour Energy and Essential Energy.

WSROC represents 10 of the largest councils across Metropolitan Western Sydney with a combined population of over 1.6m including:

Auburn City Council, Bankstown City Council, Blacktown City Council, Blue Mountains City Council, Fairfield City Council, Hawkesbury City Council, Holroyd City Council, Liverpool, City Council, Parramatta City Council and Penrith City Council.

Although Bankstown City Council is not part of the WSROC submission they independently have supported the same approach, and they have chosen to put in a separate submission. Auburn City Council are primary customers of the Ausgrid Network and therefore have asked to be excluded from our joint submission.

WSROC's preliminary submission as part of the AER's Framework discussion paper started off with WSROC coordinating a joint response. Interest in the approach to the negotiated classification has since expanded to include ~ 90% all Endeavor Energy supplied councils.

The Alternative classification for public lighting has proven problematic in prior periods, with Councils having no say in services - something fundamental to the Negotiated approach.

Until recently WSROC were unaware of the full processes and implications pertaining to the Negotiated classification. From submissions we have seen as part of this process, it would appear that NSW councils, not part of the Endeavour Energy council submission, would appear to be similarly uniformed regarding the potential benefits of the Negotiated classification for public lighting services.

WSROC have carefully assessed the Negotiated classification for public lighting and strongly support this classification for all WSROC councils and indeed promote this classification for the sector. The WSROC General Managers have endorsed this approach at a General Managers joint meeting held in July 2012.

WSROC would like to reiterate that it fully supports and endorses the joint submission prepared by Trans-Tasman Energy on behalf of the Endeavour Energy supplied councils.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mal Ackerman, Regional Procurement and Joint Activities Coordinator on 9671 4333 if you would like to discuss our response further.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Bartlett', written in a cursive style.

Kerry Bartlett
Chief Executive Officer