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Dear AER,

My sincere apologies for the late submission to this request.

I am the Director of the Energy Storage Research Group and currently manage multiple Federal and State Government funded projects at QUT aimed at enabling the uplift of battery testing services to support research, development, commercialisation, validation and domestic certification of battery energy storage system in Australia.

I would like to voice my strong support of the Ergon Energy's ring-fencing waiver request for the MIST facility.

This service the MIST facility provides, especially at the scale it is able to support, is urgently needed to action the deployment and adoption of a diverse range of energy storage solutions to enable the net zero transition for Australia. The approval of this waiver would significantly increase the pace of which Queensland and Australia will be able to deploy clean energy solutions to support our electricity grids including remote and region microgrids.

Please let me know if I can provide an further information to support and hoping that this late response is able to be reviewed in response to the waiver request.

Cheers, Josh

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I acknowledge the Turrbal and Yugara, as the First Nations owners of the lands where QUT now stands. I pay respect to their Elders, lores, customs and creation spirits. I recognise that these lands have always been places of teaching, research and learning.

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