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**Brickworks Submission – AusNet Gas Access Arrangement Review 2023-28  
Variation Proposal – 30 September 2024**

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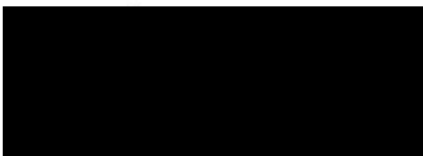
Brickworks Building Products Pty Ltd (“Brickworks”) welcomes the opportunity to provide this submission on AusNet Services Variation Proposal to its 2023-28 Access Arrangement (AA) for its Victorian gas distribution network.

Brickworks is Australia's leading domestic manufacturer of building products. Our building products are essential to constructing new homes and addressing housing affordability. We annually consume circa 1 PJ of natural gas in AusNet's distribution network at our Austral Bricks plant in Wollert.

Brickworks supports AusNet's regulatory submission seeking the AER to approve its requested level of accelerated depreciation. We support accelerated depreciation for gas networks, recognising that widespread electrification significantly increases the risk of stranded assets and ultimately leads to unjust social inequity in cost recovery for remaining gas users over the long term.

Brickworks is a member of the Energy Users Association of Australia, and we support its detailed submission to AusNet's gas access arrangement review.

Yours sincerely,



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