



Ashfield Council

16 February 2009

Mike Buckley
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Network Regulation North Branch
Australian Energy Regulator
c/o aerinquiry@aer.gov.au

Dear Mr Buckley,

**Re: Council Submission on AER's NSW Draft Distribution
Determination 2009-2014 & EnergyAustralia's Revised Regulatory
Proposal**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the AER's NSW Draft
Distribution Determination 2009-14 and EnergyAustralia's Revised Regulatory
Proposal of 16 January 2009.

Council is extremely concerned about EnergyAustralia's proposed price
increases of approximately 78% in street lighting network charges over the
coming regulatory period and the lack of transparency in EnergyAustralia's
pricing submissions. Council endorses the submission made by SSROC's
SLI Program on behalf Councils served by EnergyAustralia and urges the
AER to give its fullest possible attention to the issues raised. In doing so,
Council re-iterates its concerns about longstanding issues with the pricing and
governance regime for public lighting in NSW.

Yours faithfully



Ken Gainger
General Manager

C: *Local members of State Parliament*