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Letter from CEO of Roads & Maritime Services

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Mr Vince Graham
Chief Executive Officer
Networks NSW
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Dear Mr *Vince* Graham

The Network NSW Black Spot Pole Program, across the three businesses of Endeavour Energy, Ausgrid and Essential Energy, continues to be an important component of Roads and Maritime's Road Safety strategy.

The Program improves road safety by investing in infrastructure to reduce the impact of vehicle incidents involving power poles. Since the inception of the Endeavour Energy program, fatalities resulting from vehicle collisions involving power poles in the Endeavour Energy franchise area have decreased by more than 60%.

I understand the Black Spot Pole Program is at risk of being reduced or discontinued as a result of the Australian Energy Regulator's draft determinations on the annual revenue requirement for the regulated businesses, issued in November 2014.

Roads and Maritime supports the continuation of investment in the Black Spot Pole Program, with its objectives of improving driver safety and reducing the impacts associated with vehicle and power poles.

Networks NSW is a key partner for Roads and Maritime, particularly relating to power poles. I look forward to continuing to work with the Network NSW businesses on improving road safety. For more information, please contact Mr Steven Head, Network General Manager Sydney on (02) 8588 5610, who would be happy to take your call.

Yours sincerely



P. Duncan 6.1.2015

Peter Duncan
Chief Executive