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To whom it may concern,

Central NSW Councils (Centroc) represents over 200,000 people covering an area of more than 50,000 sq/kms comprising the Local Government Areas of Bathurst, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Hilltops, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Parkes, Upper Lachlan, Weddin and Central Tablelands Water.

Centroc advocates on agreed regional positions and priorities while working co-operatively to benefit the councils and communities of Central NSW.

Centroc shares a common interest in street lighting issues raised by SSROC and supports the SSROC Submission on Preliminary framework and approach for NSW electricity distributors made to the AER.

This submission makes two valid points:

- 1) That street lighting pricing needs to continue to be regulated in the absence of competition; and,
- 2) that the AER should start putting pressure on the NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Energy to finalise a new binding Public Lighting Code before we get to the point of setting pricing.

For more information regarding the above please contact the Centroc Executive Officer Jenny Bennett on 0428 690 935

Yours sincerely,



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