

## EMAIL Transmission

Mr Mike Buckley  
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Network Regulation North Branch  
Australian Energy Regulator  
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Ref: COR2006/1309

Dear Mr Buckley,

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) NSW Draft Distribution Determination 2009-2014 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 Street Light Improvement Program (SLIP) on behalf Councils served by EnergyAustralia and urges the AER to give its fullest possible attention to the issues raised. In doing so, Council reiterates its concerns about longstanding issues with the pricing and governance regime for public lighting in NSW.

Yours faithfully,



**Kim Woodbury**  
**Group Manager – Public Works**

c.c. Mr V Dominello, MP  
Member for Ryde