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Dear Mr Costello

## **Electrical power supplies to Molonglo urban development**

The ACT Government and ActewAGL have been working closely over the last few years on plans for the provision for major electrical infrastructure in support of the new district of Molonglo that will eventually house 55,000 people. In particular, we have worked successfully together in identifying a site for the new Molonglo zone substation that will be required to service the new district into the future.

I have been made aware of the draft decision of the Australian Energy Regulator on ActewAGL distribution determination 2015-16 to 2018-19 of November 2014 and note that the need for the Molonglo zone substation within your regulatory period has been called into question.

As part of our due diligence for major infrastructure required to support this important development area, I would like to seek your assurance that electrical power supplies to the growing district of Molonglo can be guaranteed and that there is some flexibility for changes to our land release program for the area, should they be required. This is particularly important given the continued strong demand for standard residential housing in the ACT.

I would be happy to discuss this matter further at any time.

Yours sincerely

**David Dawes** Director-General

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