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Dear Mr Buckley,

**Hurstville City 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 16th 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 sincerely,



General Manager

c.c.: The Hon Kevin Greene MP – Minister for Community Services and Member for Oatley
Ms Cherie Burton MP – Member for Kogarah
Mr Robert Furolo MP – Member for Lakemba
Mr Frank Sartor MP – Member for Rockdale.