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Mr Sebastian Roberts
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Dear Mr Roberts

Australian Energy Regulator Preliminary Determination for SA Power Network

I am writing in regards to the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) preliminary determination for SA Power Networks, in particular regarding the decision to not fund improved vegetation management practices.

The Local Government Association is disappointed with the outcome of SA Power Networks Preliminary Determination 2015 to 2020 and the AER's decision to not approve vegetation management improvement initiatives.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Local Government Association (LGA) submission on behalf of the 68 Councils who collectively represent approximately 1.6 million constituents.

Furthermore, at the LGA Working Group Meeting held on 14 May 2015 it was resolved to request a meeting with the AER to outline the engagement process undertaken over the last 18 months and the need for funding to be allocated for strategic vegetation management initiatives. It is proposed to invite representatives from both the LGA Working Group and the Arborist Reference Group to attend this meeting.

We look forward to your response to our request to meet with representatives from the AER.

Yours sincerely

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Attach: ECM: 628584 – LGA Submission to the Australian Energy Regulator's Preliminary Determination 2015-2020: SA Power Networks Regulatory Price Reset Process