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Dear Mr Pattas

**AER Draft decision: Victorian electricity distribution network service providers  
Distribution determination 2011–2015**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the draft determination. The draft decision is a major and substantial document; its review is beyond the scope of NAGA's resources. However NAGA is keen to make a submission focussed on the draft decision in relation to public lighting provision, and energy efficient public lighting.

The **Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action** (NAGA), which began operating in 2002, is an alliance of Moreland Energy Foundation and the nine councils spanning the northern region of Melbourne from the CBD to the rural/urban fringe (see footer). The Alliance shares information, coordinates and implements emission reduction activities, and undertakes research into innovative approaches to reducing carbon emissions across the NAGA region. NAGA also establishes partnerships and linkages with state and federal government agencies and departments, local government and industry associations, research institutions, and community groups, to facilitate climate change action in the northern metropolitan region.

NAGA members have been actively working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency retrofits as part of their broader climate change policies and actions. As part of this work, the changeover of 80W mercury vapour streetlighting to more energy efficient T5 or CFL lighting is being actively pursued.

The draft decision specifies a lower rate of increase for OMR for T5 compared with 80W mercury vapour, and this is supported by NAGA.

NAGA also supports the clarification that AER has provided on contestability for installation and OMR services for new public lighting assets.

Please contact me if any clarification is required.

Yours sincerely

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