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Mr Mike Buckley  
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Australian Energy Regulator  
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16 February 2009

Dear Mr Buckley

**North Sydney 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 2009-2014 and EnergyAustralia's Revised Proposal of 16 January 2009.

North Sydney 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. North Sydney Council endorses the submission made by SSROC's SLI Program on behalf of Councils served by EnergyAustralia and urges the AER to give its fullest possible attention to the issues raised. In doing so, North Sydney Council re-iterates its concerns about longstanding issues with the pricing and governance regime for public lighting in NSW.

Should you require further information, please contact Maria Coyne of Council's Traffic Section on (02) 9936- 8244.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Penny Holloway'.

Penny Holloway  
**GENERAL MANAGER**

CC: State Member for North Shore  
State Member for Willoughby