

The Office of the General Manager

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Mr Mike Buckley
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Dear Mr Buckley

Re: Willoughby City Council Submission on AER's NSW Draft Distribution Determination 2009 - 2014 and 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 16 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 faithfully

Nick Tobin
GENERAL MANAGER

cc: Ms Gladys Berejiklian, MP
State Member for Willoughby