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Dear Mr Anderson

## WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO ENDEAVOUR ENERGY'S REGULATORY PROPOSAL 2014-19

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) review of the Endeavour Energy public lighting pricing for the 2014-19 regulatory period.

Council has reviewed the proposed pricing structure and increases for the 2014-19 regulatory period and provides the following comments on the submission. Council supports Endeavour Energy's proposal to keep the annual price increase to 2.5% or below average inflation and asks that AER ensures the wording of 2.5% or below average inflation is maintained in the determination to ensure excessive increases cannot claim over the regulatory period.

Council supports the proposed pricing system based on individual components and tariff classes based on the installation date. It is requested that AER complete a detailed assessment of the price modelling and assumptions to ensure the proposed base pricing for each of the elements is accurate.

The use of energy efficient LED technology is supported by Council. It is requested that AER include the use of the LED technology for new and replacement works for all lighting classes. As the LED technology is constantly developing Council requests that the ability to review the base costing for LEDs throughout the regulatory period be included in the determination. This review will allow for the cost savings as the technology becomes cheaper over time and the inclusion of updated technology as the lights are further developed.

Should you require any clarification or like to discuss any of the items further, please contact Luke Dean on 02 4227 7111.

**This letter is authorised by**

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