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Dear Ms Hopley

Ausgrid response to Supplementary Questions

Ausgrid welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Legislative Assembly Committee on Law and Safety's supplementary questions for its Embedded Networks Parliamentary Inquiry.

Ausgrid owns and operates the network of substations, powerlines, underground cables and power poles that deliver power to the homes and businesses of more than 4 million Australians living and working in an area that covers over 22,000 square kilometres from the Sydney CBD to the Upper Hunter.

Response to Question 1:

Ausgrid does not encourage, recommend or force anyone, including developers, into embedded network applications. Ausgrid assesses and processes embedded network connection applications on their merits based on the information provided to us by the applicant and does not force determinations on any applicant.

Response to Question 2:

Ausgrid does not have any vested interests in Embedded Networks Companies. Ausgrid operates under a regulated revenue cap; our revenue is unaffected by the existence of embedded networks. Ausgrid's interest is in ensuring customers have access to a safe and reliable electricity supply.

We note that Ausgrid's affiliate, PLUS ES, provides services to embedded network operators and infrastructure owners, including meter installation and set-up, customer billing systems and on-going embedded network management. However, PLUS ES is economically and legally ring fenced from Ausgrid's regulated operations.

Should you wish to discuss any of the issues raised in this response further, please contact

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Regards,

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