



The Honourable Matt Kean MP
Minister for Energy and Environment

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Michael Bowan
General Counsel and Company Secretary
Essential Energy

by email:

Dear Mr Bowan

The purpose of this letter is to:

1. advise the Board of Essential Energy that the Minister for Energy and Environment intends to issue a Direction under section 20N of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* to Essential Energy (enclosed in draft); and
2. seek comments from Essential Energy on the proposed Direction.

Please provide any comments on the Direction as soon as possible but no later than Friday 30 August 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Benjamin Coles, Chief of Staff, on _____ or _____

Yours sincerely

Matt Kean MP
Minister for Energy and Environment

22.8.19

Encl. *proposed Direction to Essential Energy (in draft)*

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Direction

I, Matthew Kean MP, Minister for Energy and Environment give the following Direction under section 20N of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*.

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MATTHEW KEAN MP
Minister for Energy and Environment

Date:

1. Objective

The objective of this Direction is to preserve regional jobs.

2. When this Direction takes effect

This Direction takes effect on the date on which it is signed.

3. Period of operation of this Direction

This Direction operates for a period of 12 months.

4. Who this Direction is given to

This Direction is given to the Board.

5. Direction

Essential Energy is directed not to terminate the employment of any person based in regional NSW because the person's role is redundant.

6. Interpretation

In this Direction:

the **Board** means the Board of Essential Energy.

Essential Energy means the statutory State Owned Corporation constituted under the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*.

This Direction constitutes written notice under section 20N of the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989*.