



INQUIRY INTO IMPACT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONES (REZ) ON RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES AND INDUSTRIES IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Hearing: 16 May 2025

QUESTION ON NOTICE:

Mr Steve Masters, CEO, ACERERZ

Mr Robert Armstrong, ACERERZ Operations Director

The Chair: I'm happy for you to take this on notice and give it some more considered thought but what we've heard a lot about today is a cause for a pause on all these projects that come in through the pipeline that don't have an access agreement, may never get an access agreement, are going to push the potential capacity well above what you're planning for and what the government is planning for. Would you, as the manager of all this for the next 30 years, support a pause in projects coming down the top, down the pipeline that are surplus to our needs?

ACERERZ has been appointed network operator to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Central-West Orana REZ transmission network.

EnergyCo recently awarded access rights to six developers for 10 projects to connect to the transmission network.

Developers seeking to build infrastructure within the geographical boundary of the REZ will be required to go through all the necessary planning approvals and it is up to the relevant government agencies to assess those proposals.

ACERERZ acknowledges there are other developments already within the geographical boundary of the REZ or seeking to establish themselves within that boundary that will not connect to the Central-West Orana REZ transmission network.

Sincerely,

Steve Masters | CEO | ACERERZ