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The Hon Mark Banasiak MLC
Chair
Portfolio Committee No 4 – Regional NSW
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Chair

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to questions taken on notice from the Inquiry into the impact of Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) on rural and regional communities and industries in New South Wales on 25 September and provide further information.

Inspector roles within Ausgrid

Ausgrid has modernised its inspection model to remove duplicated efforts with the Building Commission NSW's role and make connections faster and cheaper for our customers.

The Building Commission NSW is the primary regulator for electrical installation safety, while Ausgrid focuses its inspection efforts on network safety. It is also a legal requirement for licensed electricians to certify their work.

This will avoid unnecessary duplication for private installations, like townhouses, that fall under the responsibility of the Building Commissioner, it has nothing to do with the ongoing maintenance of the poles and wires.

Public and network safety remain our highest priorities. We continue to meet all of our legal and safety obligations. This model aligns with the approach of other NSW electricity distributors, which has been operating safely and effectively since 2016.

Ausgrid Group health and safety

Health and safety is our highest priority in delivering an essential service to our customers. Given the nature of electricity, the health and safety of our employees, contractors, customers and communities is paramount, and we invest significant resources in their protection.

Below is Ausgrid Group data from the last five financial years, more information is available on the [Ausgrid website](#):

	FY25	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21
Total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR)	3.5	3.5	2.9	4.4	5.7
Lost time injury frequency rate (LTIFR)	2.0	1.9	1.3	1.7	1.2
Employee fatalities	1	1	0	0	0
All injuries (including First Aid and no treatment)	222	240	218	206	191
Total recordable injuries	28	26	21	32	39
Lost time injuries	17	14	8	13	9
Near misses	221	212	197	234	-

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Kind regards

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