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COAG Energy Council Secretariat
Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
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Dear Secretariat,

Independent review of the Energy Security Board

Energy Queensland Limited (Energy Queensland) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment to the COAG Energy Council in response to the *Independent Review of the Energy Security Board (ESB)*.

This submission is provided by Energy Queensland, on behalf of its related entities, including:

- Distribution network service providers, Energex Limited and Ergon Energy Corporation Limited;
- Ergon Energy Queensland Limited; and
- Affiliated contestable business, Yurika Pty Ltd including its subsidiary, Metering Dynamics Pty Ltd.

Energy Queensland is largely supportive of the ESB and the role they are playing in helping to oversee the Finkel Review recommendations, providing oversight and helping to co-ordinate how the three market bodies exercise their separate roles and ensuring whole of system oversight to the Energy Council through a complex array of industry challenges and changes.

Energy Queensland considers that the Terms of Reference remain relevant and that implementing the recommendations of the Finkel Review should be the primary focus of the ESB.

Energy Queensland does have some concerns with the market and industry body engagement that the ESB has performed to date and as a function of oversight would prefer to see a more open, transparent and timely collaborative engagement process be undertaken by the ESB in the future. This is most clearly demonstrated by the ESB workplan which identifies a range of reports and industry consultations which did not materialise over the past 12 months as planned. More open communication on the engagement plan and more time on key consultations will allow participants such as Energy Queensland to participate more effectively in what is a complex array of consultations and industry challenges. Notwithstanding, Energy Queensland looks forward to collaborating with the ESB moving forward to continue the effective transition of electricity systems.

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, please call Laura Males on (07) 4432 8222 or myself on (07) 3851 6787.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trudy Fraser".

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