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Dear Mr Popple,

### **Consultation Paper—Review of the Reliability Standard and Settings Guidelines**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Reliability Panel's ('the Panel') consultation paper in relation to its review of the Reliability Standard and Settings Guidelines ('the Guidelines').

We acknowledge the role of the Panel in assessing and monitoring the reliability of the NEM, and recognise that the Panel's reliability standard and settings reviews play an important part in providing stakeholders with appropriate transparency and certainty about these fundamental reliability parameters.


We welcome the Panel's recognition of the interactions between the reliability standard and settings and the energy market reforms currently being considered by the Energy Security Board (ESB). As the Panel notes in its consultation paper, the NEM post-2025 reforms cover matters including resource adequacy and essential system services, which will directly overlap with the review of the reliability standard and settings.

Given Panel decisions on these matters can impact upon market participants' operational and investment decisions, we consider it is important that the Panel's forthcoming reliability standards and settings review includes close examination of, and alignment with, the reforms that are ultimately agreed by Energy Ministers through the NEM post-2025 project.

We have confidence that the Panel will thoroughly consider any proposed changes to the Reliability Standard and Settings Guidelines in this context.

We look forward to continue working with the Panel as it progresses its review of the reliability standard and settings later this year. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Matt Lady (08 8213 3491).

Yours sincerely,



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