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Dear Mr Graham

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**Request for an extension of time for AEMC Final Report: MCE Request for Advice on Cost Recovery for Mandated Smart Metering Infrastructure**

Thank you for your letter of 9 August 2010 requesting an extension of time for the submission of the AEMC's Final Report on MCE's Request for Advice on Cost Recovery for Mandated Smart Metering Infrastructure.

Robust advice from the Commission on this matter will be essential for properly understanding and managing the risks and issues associated with any future roll-outs or pilots under a Ministerial determination

I note your advice that a number of complex issues were raised in stakeholder submissions during the public consultation process, and that more time is necessary to consider and analyse these contributions. Having consulted with my SCO colleagues I agree to your proposed new delivery date of 17 September 2010.

Thank you for your work to date supporting delivery of MCE's work program on smart meters. I look forward to reviewing the Final Report on 17 September.

Yours sincerely



Drew Clarke  
Chair, MCE Standing Committee of Officials

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