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The Hon. Penny Sharpe, MLC
Minister for Energy
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via email

Dear Minister

Annual report on functions under s 70 of the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020*

I am pleased to attach IPART's report on the exercise of functions by entities under s 70 of the *Electricity Infrastructure Investment Act 2020* (EII Act) for the 2024-25 financial year (FY 2024-25). Under the EII Act, we must submit a report to you by no later than 4 months after the end of the financial year to which the report relates.

We have prepared an annual report on the exercise of functions under the EII Act during FY 2024-25 by the Consumer Trustee, Financial Trustee, Infrastructure Planners (EnergyCo and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water) and Regulators (Australian Energy Regulator, Environment Protection Authority and IPART). The entities, other than IPART, are required to provide information to us on the exercise of their functions each year. Our annual report is based on information provided by these entities and includes information on the exercise of IPART's functions.

The EII Act creates a framework to deliver the NSW Government's Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap (Roadmap). In Chapter 3 of our annual report, we provide an overview of the key developments in the Roadmap during FY 2024-25.

You have requested the following information to be included in the annual report, which is in Chapter 4:

- Local content commitments and outcomes through the Roadmap's Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI) Framework, including employment and income opportunities for local Aboriginal businesses and communities. Where possible, provide detail on the quality, nature, and location of capacity building investments being made where commitments on Aboriginal participation are not able to be met.
- Consultation and commitments to local Aboriginal communities, including:
 - The Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) Infrastructure Planner's consultation with local Aboriginal communities when exercising its functions under section 3(2)(b) of the EII Act to "promote consultation and negotiations with the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land on which generation, storage and network infrastructure is proposed to be constructed or operated".
 - The REZ Infrastructure Planner and Consumer Trustee's consultation and negotiation for the purposes of increasing income and employment opportunities for local Aboriginal communities informed by the First Nations Guidelines and section 4 of the EII Act.

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- Long Term Energy Service Agreements (LTESAs) and access rights that have been awarded in FY 2024-25, and a summary of progress of all projects that have been awarded an LTESA.

We will now publish the annual report on our website as soon as reasonably practical, as required by s 70(5) of the EII Act.

IPART's contact officer for this annual report is Christine Allen, Director, Regulation & Compliance, contactable on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

24/10/2025

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