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Dear Members of the Tribunal

## Re: Energy Australia's Public Lighting Pricing Proposals - Revised

I refer to the current (revised) proposal before the Tribunal and welcome the opportunity to make a submission.

In the first instance I would advise that Manly Council is not a member of the Street Lighting Improvement Program (SLIP), however, Manly Council fully endorses the submission made by Mr Graham Mawer of Next Energy on behalf of the Street Lighting Improvement Program.

Again, it appears that Energy Australia has not fully examined any opportunities for improvements in their business practices and simply seeks to increase revenue in the street lighting area. In our opinion, to approve the proposed cost increases would reward the current inefficiencies in Energy Australia's street lighting business and perpetuate them. Further, such an increase is significantly greater than the current CPI related rate pegging increases allowed by the Department of Local Government.

On this basis, the proposed price increases should be rejected and Energy Australia requested to re-examine their street lighting business and come back with a revised proposal that incorporates industry best practice, taking a strategic and holistic approach to better manage the significant cost drivers relating to street lighting.

Increases should only be considered when the above structural issues have been addressed.

Yours faithfully



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Director Corporate Planning and Strategy

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