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Dear Mr Cadogan,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Sydney's Sustainable Sydney 2030 Strategic Plan (henceforth referred to as the Plan). EnergyAustralia strongly commends the initiative and vision of the City of Sydney in transitioning to a more sustainable city. I would like to congratulate you on the comprehensive coverage of issues outlined in the Plan. The City of Sydney and EnergyAustralia are key partners in the continued development of our great city and I am pleased to commit our support and co-operation in developing and realising the Plan.

Over the next five years, EnergyAustralia is investing almost \$600 million to improve the electricity infrastructure within the City of Sydney area. Works are focused on delivering customer outcomes befitting our world-class city, maintaining high supply reliability levels, catering for the growth in energy demand, and upgrading or replacing major pieces of infrastructure which are nearing the end of their life. One of our challenges is to achieve these objectives whilst optimising our environmental footprint. I anticipate some shared benefit in a more co-ordinated planning approach.

A number of actions in the Plan will require close and ongoing co-ordination between ourselves and the City of Sydney. Thus, EnergyAustralia strongly recommends the establishment of a small strategic working group involving the City of Sydney and EnergyAustralia.

Of particular interest to EnergyAustralia is an opportunity to further discuss the green transformer project initiative. From the project information detailed in the Plan, green transformers represent an innovative engineering solution aimed at significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The implementation of a system of green transformers will however have significant impacts on the EnergyAustralia infrastructure and operations. I would like to stress the importance of a close working relationship from the early developmental stages of the green transformer concept through to implementation to ensure all technical and regulatory impacts are managed. In addition, any physical changes to the city infrastructure will result in impacts to our network infrastructure, a point which would require early consideration by the recommended strategic working group.



EnergyAustralia is in preliminary negotiation with the Frasers Broadway site and a number of CBD developments on the deployment of co-generation. Hence, there are significant benefits in sharing knowledge and involvement in the development of green transformers.

I would like to reiterate that EnergyAustralia fully supports the initiative to develop the Plan and is committed to working closely with the City of Sydney. Mr Lynton Jamieson, Executive Manager – Network Customer Operations is the primary EnergyAustralia contact regarding the Sustainable Sydney 2030 Plan. Lynton can be contacted on 9269 4607 or via email at ljamieson@energy.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Lilliss', written in a cursive style.

Geoff Lilliss
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