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Ms L Shrimpton – Project Leader
Australian Energy Markets Commission
Level 15 – 60 Castlereagh Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Shrimpton

Submission – Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading

Bathurst Regional Council supports the IPWEA submission on Minor Energy Flow Metering. We agree that there is a strong case to make changes to the metering regime in the National Electricity Market that would recognise the metering data being produced by devices such as smart street lighting controls and other small electrical devices in the public domain.

Bathurst Regional Council supports a rule change in this area that will introduce a straightforward and cost-effective approach to the metering of street lighting and other similar devices. Council has been advocating for the wide deployment of Streetlighting Smart Controls since 2017 and is currently hosting a Streetlighting Smart Controls Pilot in partnership with Essential Energy. An LGA-wide deployment of Smart Controls will allow Council to achieve additional energy and emissions saving over and above those achieved through the upgrading of our streetlights to LED technology. However, the business case for wide deployment of Smart Controls in Streetlighting is heavily dependent on the ability to realise savings associated with trimming and dimming through small load metering.

Should you have any queries, please contact Council's Energy Strategy Officer, Ms Deborah Taylor, on 6333 6185.

Yours faithfully



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