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Lisa Shrimpton - Project Leader Australian Energy Markets Commission Level 15 - 60 Castlereagh Street Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Shrimpton

RE: Unlocking CER benefits through flexible trading (REF ERC0346) – IPWEA Submission on Minor Energy Flow Metering for Street Lighting & Other Street Furniture

This submission is made on behalf of the Queensland Government's Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR). The Department plans, manages and delivers Queensland's integrated transport environment for road, rail air and sea.

The Department has been an early adopter of Smart Lighting Technology as we see major safety benefits in being able to control and monitor our lighting fleet. As well as taking advantage of the metering capabilities of the technology to accurately determine the power usage of our lights and the associated costs. It is in this context that I am writing to confirm the Department's support for the IPWEA submission on Minor Energy Flow Metering for Street Lighting & Other Street Furniture.

We agree with IPWEA that there is a compelling case to introduce a simple, effective, and efficient regime that recognises the metering capabilities of smart lighting controls.

As the Department owns, maintains, and operates 35000 lights on its network we would like to strongly endorse that the new metering regime should allow for other parties other than DNSP's to act in a combined role of Meter Provider and Meter Data Provider.

Yours sincerely

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