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Ms Merryn York  
Chair  
Australian Energy Market Commission  
GPO Box 2603  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms York

**Consultation – Enhancing Operational Resilience in Relation to Indistinct Events**

Energy Queensland Limited (Energy Queensland) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment to the Australian Energy Market Commission (AEMC) on the *Enhancing Operational Resilience in Relation to Indistinct Events* Consultation Paper. This submission is provided by Energy Queensland, on behalf of its distribution network service providers, Energex Limited and Ergon Energy Corporation Limited.

Energy Queensland agrees that a common and agreed definition for indistinct events would be beneficial to ensure consistency of understanding and application across the National Electricity Market. However, we suggest that ‘weather’ related indistinct events are clearly separated from ‘cyber’ related events.

The response to a weather event is likely be different to a cyber based event, and the weather related events are generally forecasted, or various agencies can rapidly provide meteorological information leading into the event and during the event. On the other hand, cyber events can be indistinct but can manifest in different forms, have significant variety in form of penetration and impact, and can be difficult to control and eradicate.

Should AEMC require additional information or wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, please contact me on 0467 782 350 or Laura Males on 0429 954 346.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trudy Fraser".

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