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Dear Craig

Consultation on the first Integrated System Plan for the National Electricity Market

TransGrid welcomes the opportunity to work with AEMO to the develop the first Integrated System Plan.

TransGrid is the operator and manager of the high voltage transmission network connecting electricity generators, distributors and major end users in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. TransGrid's network is also interconnected to Queensland and Victoria, and is instrumental to a national electricity system that allows for interstate energy trading.

TransGrid supports the development of the first Integrated System Plan. The Plan will provide a long-term, strategic and nationally-coordinated approach to connect renewable energy resources, maintain system security and deliver lowest possible energy costs. This was a key recommendation of the Independent Review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market (the 'Finkel Review'). TransGrid supports AEMO's role in leading the development of the Integrated System Plan, given its role as the National Transmission Planner, and an independent and expert body.

TransGrid's submission is attached, responding to AEMO's consultation paper released on 22 December 2018. This should be read together with our earlier submission regarding AEMO's modelling approach.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and look forward to working with AEMO further on this important project. If you would like to discuss this submission, please contact Fiona Orton, Future Grid Manager, on 02 9284 3746.

Yours faithfully



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