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Part of Energy Queensland

Professor Flavio Menezes Chair Queensland Competition Authority GPO Box 2257 Brisbane QLD 4001

Dear Professor Menezes

## Submission to QCA Interim consultation paper, Regulated retail electricity prices for 2023-24

Ergon Energy Corporation Limited (Ergon Energy Network) and Energex Limited (Energex), both distribution network service providers (DNSPs) operating in Queensland, welcome the opportunity to provide feedback to the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) in response to its *Interim consultation paper, Regulated retail electricity prices for 2023-24*.

Ergon Energy Network and Energex support the QCA developing two new retail tariffs that build on existing small customer time-of-use tariffs, as per the terms of the delegation dated 14 December 2022.

We agree with the Minister that new retail tariffs could provide 'sharper retail tariff price signals'<sup>1</sup> compared to existing tariffs, which may create greater savings on customers' electricity bills when they take advantage of incentives to charge batteries, including electric vehicles (EV) and use electricity at times with broader efficiency benefits for the electricity supply chain. Furthermore, we consider that these retail tariffs will help deliver Queensland Government initiatives, in particular, the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, that aim to support more rooftop solar, batteries and other technologies such as electric vehicles in regional Queensland.

Should the QCA require additional information or wish to discuss any aspect of this submission, please contact either myself, or Andrew Bozin on **Excert**.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> Minister's cover letter

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