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Manager, Embedded Networks Review
Energy Sector Reform
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)
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Submitted online: engage.vic.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Review of Embedded Networks

The Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (EAGA) is pleased to provide this response to DELWP's review of embedded networks. EAGA is a formal Alliance of eight councils in Melbourne's East, committed to delivering mitigation and adaptation projects and advocating for initiatives that support sustainable, low carbon communities. Our members include:

- City of Boroondara
- Glen Eira City Council
- Knox City Council
- Maroondah City Council
- City of Monash
- City of Stonnington
- City of Whitehorse
- Yarra Ranges Council

EAGA urges DELWP to consider the following in undertaking its review:

- Councils recognise that many residents living within embedded networks do not enjoy the same rights and protections as customers who are connected directly to the grid;
- The introduction of appropriate protections is important to ensure existing and future embedded network customers are not disadvantaged;
- Some embedded networks can offer significant benefits to customers, particularly for facilitating access to renewable energy and decarbonising the grid, meaning 'one size fits all' regulatory settings are not appropriate; and
- Exemptions should be provided for embedded networks with ambitious renewable energy and emissions reduction goals, particularly those powered by onsite or offsite renewable energy.

If you have any questions or queries relating to this letter, please contact Scott McKenry, EAGA Executive Officer, on scott.mckenry@maroondah.vic.gov.au or 03 9298 4250.

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Committee Chair
Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action
Councillor, Maroondah City Council



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