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Dear Secretariat,

Ausgrid is pleased to provide this submission to the Energy Ministers' consultation paper on the Consumer Data Right (CDR) for Energy, National Electricity Law and Rules Amendments. Ausgrid owns and operates an electricity grid that is shared by approximately 4 million Australians living and working across an area stretching from southern Sydney to the Upper Hunter Valley, including the Sydney CBD.

Ausgrid welcomes the proposed amendments, which represent an important step forward in implementing the CDR for the energy sector. We support the proposed reforms, which will enable consumers to leverage their data to make informed decisions and promote competition in the energy market.

In particular, Ausgrid supports providing consumers with access to CDR information where this information is already captured and can be easily shared without imposing undue costs on all customers. Accordingly, we support the flexible approach proposed in the consultation paper, where both the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and energy retailers can act as data holders and facilitate requests for CDR data.

In expressing our support, we consider that ongoing consultation will be appropriate to:

- Avoid duplication of information requests where information is already held by AEMO or retailers e.g. distributed energy resource (DER) data; and
- Develop technical standards that ensure CDR data including national metering identifier (NMI) standing data and metering data can be shared at least cost.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the proposed amendments to the national electricity laws and rules. Please contact Gareth Downing, Senior Regulatory Economist, at gareth.downing@ausgrid.com.au if you have any questions or would like to discuss.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex McPherson", written in a cursive style.

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