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To Whom It May Concern

FACILITATING ACCESS TO CONSUMER ENERGY DATA - CONSULTATION PAPER

The Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC) supports the National Energy Productivity Plan (NEPP) Measure 24, which aims to improve the exchange of market data. We welcome the proposal to better facilitate access to consumer energy data.

ASBEC is a body of peak organisations committed to a sustainable built environment in Australia, with membership consisting of industry and professional associations, non-government organisations and government observers who are involved in the planning, design, delivery and operation of our built environment. Collectively, ASBEC's membership has direct reach to more 350,000 professionals in the built environment sector and represents an industry worth more than \$700 billion in value.

Buildings contribute to over half of Australia's electricity consumption and almost a quarter of our country's emissions. The building sector presents a profound and cost-effective opportunity for energy productivity and emissions reductions. ASBEC's [Low Carbon, High Performance](#) report shows how Australia's built environment sector is uniquely placed to become a global market leader in energy and sustainability, with buildings presenting low cost opportunities to deliver almost \$20 billion in energy savings as well as significant emissions reduction and other benefits. The built environment could also help to meet over half of the current NEPP target, and more than one quarter of the national emissions target.

Low Carbon, High Performance outlines a holistic suite of policies to address existing barriers and accelerate actions, including **enabling informed consumer choice and supporting the innovation, commercialisation and deployment of new technologies and business models** for delivery of energy efficiency and distributed energy solutions.

The proposal to streamline the processes and systems needed to "facilitate access by authorised third parties wishing to provide value added services to consumers" is very well aligned with ASBEC's Recommendation 5.2 in *Low Carbon, High Performance*:

Improve access to energy consumption data, with consideration of the establishment of a central, streamlined and highly accessible open data platform for energy consumption and performance data which is free or available on a cost-recovery basis.

While direct access to energy consumption data for energy consumers is important, far more important is the process for third parties to access this data (subject to privacy considerations). Third party access would allow information to be packaged in a format that is comprehensible and actionable by consumers, as part of an energy upgrade offering or as part of an energy management service.

Such a platform should also facilitate public access to aggregated and de-identified data to enable researchers to easily access the data required to fill major gaps in knowledge about energy consumption by different market segments and to better inform industry efforts and policy development. This platform could also potentially function as a central repository for existing information from reporting programs such as GRESB, CDP, NABERS and Green Star. More detailed information on ASBEC's position regarding access to energy consumption data can be found in the *Low Carbon, High Performance* [full report](#).

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