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Dear Energy Security Board

Standards Australia is pleased to provide feedback for consideration in the development of the Governance of Distributed Energy Resources (DER) technical standards consultation paper. We applaud the emphasis on establishing an environment that supports the development of technical standards within a public policy context.

The Commonwealth recognises Standards Australia as the peak, not for profit National Standards Body of Australia. We have over 100 years' experience of successfully bringing government and industry together to develop technical guidance, and are Australia's representation at both the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

In our role as the National Standards Body, we assist the government in building an understanding of the international standards available and supporting their adoption and uptake for Australian use. Within the broader framework, we support Australia with meeting its obligations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the World Trade Organization's Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement.

Standards Australia supports the Energy Security Board's proposed Option 3 of a governance body to oversee the coordination of DER standards, and if accepted, recommends that the development of new technical guidance continues to take place through Standards Australia.

For this new coordinating structure to be successful, the national policy must operate within the context of not only technical standards but the global supply chain that develops products and systems. Furthermore, the governing body must encourage a genuine partnership between government and stakeholders in order for the the committee to deliver a structure that will aid Australia in taking steps towards a renewable energy future.

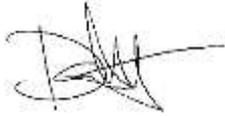
In terms of supporting regulatory frameworks, Standards Australia has established procedures with the government to align processes, such as with the Australian Buildings Codes Board via the National Construction Code and through the Minimum Energy Performance Standards called up in the Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Act 2012.

Standards Australia remains confident that by working together towards a coordinated approach, Australia is on a positive path towards decarbonising its economy. We again applaud the Commonwealth for this undertaking and welcome any opportunity to discuss further ways in which we can contribute and support the ESB.

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Yours sincerely

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