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COAG Energy Council Secretariat  
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Dear Secretariat,

**Statutes Amendment (National Energy Laws) (Rules) Bill 2017 – Making of energy rules proposed by the Energy Security Board**

TransGrid welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Statutes Amendment (National Energy Laws) (Rules) Bill. The Bill will allow energy rules proposed by the Energy Security Board to be made by the South Australian Minister where these rules are supported by the COAG Energy Council.

TransGrid is the operator and manager of the high voltage transmission network connecting electricity generators, distributors and major end users in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. TransGrid's network is also interconnected to Queensland and Victoria, and is central to interstate energy trading.


TransGrid supports an efficient and timely mechanism that allows rules proposed by the Energy Security Board to be implemented. There is an urgent need to address the current issues in the national electricity market, in particular the need to provide a reliable and secure network that supports the transition to an increasing reliance on renewable energy. The Finkel review recommendations provide a clear mandate for the Energy Security Board to perform this role.

To achieve the desired outcome, it is important to ensure that work across the market institutions, in particular the rule-making capabilities of the AEMC and Energy Security Board, is coordinated and consistent with the recommendations in the Finkel review.

An appropriate mechanism for consultation with stakeholders on proposed rule changes by the Energy Security Board will be essential in delivering efficient outcomes.

If you would like to discuss any matter raised in this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me on (02) 9284 3300. We look forward to working with stakeholders on these issues.

Yours faithfully,



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