

22nd May 2023

Australian Energy Market Operator

By email: contact.connections@aemo.com.au

Dear Contact Connections Team,

RE: AEMO review of technical requirements for connection (NER clause 5.2.6A)

Brickworks Building Products Pty Ltd (“Brickworks”) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the AEMO review of technical requirements for connection (NER clause 5.2.6A) consultation.

Brickworks is a manufacturer of building products and has plants located across Australia and the United States. Brickworks is a large electricity consumer consuming approximately 85 GWh/pa within the National Electricity Market.

Brickworks does not support AEMO’s recommendation to impose additional technical obligations on end users that have a Single Facility Load (>5MW) or a Large Single Facility IBL (>30 MW). The relevant electricity network manages end user connections, and it’s appropriate that networks remain wholly responsible for new connections, modifications to existing connections, and requests for disconnections. AEMO has not demonstrated the need to impose further technical connection requirements on end users and has failed to quantify the additional cost and time delay to end users if the recommendations were adopted.

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Brickworks supports the submission lodged by the Energy User Association of Australia. If you would like to discuss this submission further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Perrow', written in a cursive style.

Melissa Perrow

General Manager Energy

Brickworks Building Products Pty Ltd