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Australia Energy Market Operator

To whom it may concern

Energetic Communities Association congratulates the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) for their work to date on the 2023 Draft Input, Assumptions and Scenario report (IASR), especially their broad engagement with a range of stakeholders, and for the opportunity to make a submission. We are very excited to see the change in direction and planning for the inevitable transition to a decarbonised energy system.

We are a state-wide association that aims to represent the interests of households, communities, and not for profit organisations working in the social, environment and community sectors, and to promote and develop community renewable energy. We undertake research, engagement and advocacy in sustainable energy, energy equity, energy efficiency, sustainability and climate change adaptation and mitigation for vulnerable communities and households. We aim to build social change and economic wellbeing for all household and not-for-profit energy consumers. Energetic Communities Association supports a fast, fair and inclusive transition, a 100% Renewable Energy Target by 2030, and a net-zero emissions economy by 2040 at the latest.

Energetic Communities sees the need to significantly ramp up decarbonisation efforts in Australia and every sub-national jurisdiction, and a decarbonised NEM is an essential foundation to those efforts. As a Queensland based community organisation, at the forefront of climate change impacts, plausible rapid decarbonisation of the NEM and our economy is paramount to our well-being and livelihood, especially our vulnerable communities and households including First Nation people, low-income households, and private and public housing renters.

We have attached an issues register elaborating on our concerns and potential solutions (indicating relevant consultation questions where appropriate).

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