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Dear Mr Kroon

Consultation Paper: Amendment to Electricity Industry Act 2004: Removal of electricity generation licensing, December 2015

The Public Utilities Office (**PUO**) has sought stakeholder comment in relation to the above.

Synergy considers the PUO's paper presents compelling reasons to reduce regulatory burden in the Western Australian energy market whilst recognising sufficient existing legislation exists to safeguard the public interest in relation to power station establishment, operation and closure.

Consequently, Synergy supports the removal of the requirement under the *Electricity Act 2004* for persons constructing and/or operating generating works to obtain a generation licence.

Yours sincerely



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