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Reference: **Consultation invited on the draft State Electricity Objective**

Dear Mr Thomas,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in relation to the Draft State Electricity Objective (SEO) which is proposed for inclusion in the Electricity Industry Act 2004 (the Act).

bp supports the WA Government objective to build greater resilience and flexibility in the energy sector which will, in turn, support the increased electrification and decarbonisation objectives of industry and consumers to achieve Australian emission reduction targets.

I note that bp has clearly stated its intention to become both a major producer and consumer of renewable energy through its Kwinana, GERI and AREH projects, with a strong interest in the efficient development of both north west and south west transmission systems. Furthermore, I note the potential for bp to offer ancillary services to those respective networks.

It is important to recognise the needs of future electricity consumers will vary in terms of achieving a balance between reliability and electricity price. This balance will be critical in achieving the environmental objectives including reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Safety should, of course, remain paramount.

Accordingly, it may be appropriate to separate safety from the quality, security, and reliability objective in (1) and in (3) to make clear that the weighting of the stated objectives may vary between customers (while safety should not be compromised).

Thank you once again for the opportunity to comment in relation to the draft SEO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Justin J. H. Nash'.

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