

Pilbara Energy Transition Secretariat

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To the Proper Officer,

The National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) has noted the release of two consultation papers on proposed regulatory changes to the Pilbara Networks Access Code and the Pilbara Network Rules.

NECA represents more than 6,500 businesses across Australia. These businesses perform works including the design, installation and maintenance of electrical and electronic equipment in the building, construction, mining, air conditioning, refrigeration, manufacturing, communications and renewables sectors.

NECA is encouraged by the objectives of the proposed reforms. Our Association is particularly interested in the pursuit of regulatory and governance best-practice which facilitates competition and innovation in the generation and connection services markets. These are important principles underpinning the electrical supply and electrotechnology sector more generally.

It is noted that the feedback being sought on the consultation papers is, in large part, related to the framework around network access regimes. NECA is, however, keen to offer any assistance with regard to industry feedback from a technical and workforce capacity perspective as this work progresses to implementation preparedness.

Should you require any further information or to arrange a meeting, please do not hesitate to have your office contact Scott Faragher, NECA - Government Relations Adviser on 0466 571842 or email scott.faragher@neca.asn.au

Yours faithfully,

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