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To Whom It May Concern,

Ausgrid is building supporting partnerships to help our customers make the best use of their renewable energy assets and effectively integrate them into the grid.

As such, Ausgrid believes that the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project proposed in the Hunter Valley region of NSW by the Clean Energy Transfer Fund (CETF) operating as Hive Battery Development Pty Ltd (HBDL) presents a great opportunity to help support Australia's net zero energy aspirations and should help provide energy resilience to the NSW region.

Ausgrid is committed to working with HBDL throughout the project to support HBDL's successful connection of the BESS assets to the distribution network.

Given the significance of HBDL sites facilitating a shift to a fully renewable energy grid, Ausgrid is supportive of encouraging regulatory authorities to help facilitate the deployment of battery energy storage systems.

We are working to streamline our connection process and are supportive of working with other authorities that are key to the approval process to streamline approvals for the rollout of this much-needed battery energy storage infrastructure.

We believe the deployment of battery energy storage systems holds immense value for the community, and government, aligning with sustainability priorities and policy.

Please reach out to me at nick.j.black@ausgrid.com.au if you have any questions about any matters raised in this letter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nick Black".

Nick Black
Head of Commercial Development

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