A Conduct of the inquiry

The Commission received the terms of reference for this inquiry on 9 January 2012. It subsequently released an Issues Paper on 23 February 2012 inviting public submissions and indicating some particular matters on which it sought information.

In total, 109 public submissions were received and placed on the inquiry website. A list of all public submissions is contained in table A.1.

During the course of the inquiry, the Commission held informal consultations with governments, regulatory bodies, peak industry groups in the electricity sector, as well as a number of companies and individuals. Table A.2 lists these participants.

The Commission released a Draft Report for public comment on 18 October 2012. It subsequently hosted a series of roundtables to discuss the report (table A.3).

Public hearings to discuss the Draft Report were held in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra in late November and early December. A list of participants at the public hearings is contained in table A.4.

The Commission would like to thank all those who contributed to the inquiry.

Table A.1 Public submissions receiveda

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| Participant | Submission No. |
| ActewAGL | 14, DR59 |
| ACT Government | DR75 |
| AGL Energy Limited | 27, DR86 |
| Alinta Energy | DR81 |
| Alternative Technology Association | DR87# |
| AMP Capital Investors Limited | DR55 |
| APA Group | 2 |
| Ausgrid | 19 |
| Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering | 9 |
| Australian Energy Market Commission | 16, DR89 |
| Australian Energy Market Operator | 32\*, 42#, DR100\* |
| Australian Energy Regulator | 13, DR92, DR104, DR109 |
| Australian Services Union | DR57 |
| Brand, Paul | DR53 |
| Business SA | 1 |
| City of Sydney | 39, DR58 |
| Clean Energy Council | 31, 38, DR97, DR106 |
| Consumer Action Law Centre | 5, DR79# |
| Copper Development Centre Australia Ltd | 3 |
| Macquarie Corporate and Asset Finance Limited | DR54 |
| Credit, Commercial and Consumer Law Program, Queensland University of Technology | 10 |
| CS Energy | DR67 |
| Cunningham, Michael | 28, DR84 |
| Department of Primary Industries (Vic) | 34, DR94# |
| Energex Limited | 20 |
| EnergyAustralia (formerly TRUenergy) | 4, DR82 |
| Energy Networks Association | 17, 40, 43, DR71# |
| Energy Retailers Association of Australia | DR76# |
| Energy Supply Association of Australia | 23, DR70 |
| Energy Users Association of Australia | 24, DR60 |
| EnerNOC Pty Ltd | 7, DR83 |
| Ergon Energy | 8, DR63 |
| Essential Energy | 30 |
| ETSA Utilities, CitiPower, and Powercor Australia | 6 |
| GDF SUEZ Energy Australia (formerly International Power – GDF Suez Australia) | 36\*, DR68 |
| Gill, Martin | DR51 |
| Grid Australia | 22, 37, 44#, DR91, DR101, DR103, DR105 |
| Hughes, Alan | DR78# |
| Hydro Tasmania | 41, DR96 |
| Jemena Limited | 21, DR77 |
| Landis+Gyr | DR95 |
| Lively, Mark B | DR108 |

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| Participant | Submission No. |
| Loy Yang Marketing Management Company | 25 |
| Major Energy Users | 11, DR66 |
| Master Electricians Australia | DR74 |
| Melbourne Energy Institute | DR73 |
| Mountain, Bruce | DR49 |
| National Generators Forum | 33, DR93 |
| National Seniors Australia | DR62 |
| NSW Business Chamber | DR52 |
| NSW Distribution Network Service Providers | DR85# |
| Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action | DR88 |
| Origin Energy | DR64 |
| Pacific Economics Group | 35, DR48, DR107 |
| Palmer, Graham | DR46 |
| Public Interest Advocacy Centre | 26, DR65 |
| Queensland Treasury Corporation | 12 |
| Richardson, John | DR45 |
| CitiPower, Powercor Australia and SA Power Networks (formerly ETSA Utilities) | DR90 |
| Sinclair Knight Merz | DR61 |
| SP AusNet | 18, DR69, DR99, DR102 |
| Sustainable Regional Australia | DR72 |
| Total Environment Centre Inc | 15, DR50 |
| Tunstall, Ian | DR56 |
| United Energy | 29, DR80 |
| Visy | DR98 |
| Walker, Mark D | DR47 |

a A hash (#) indicates that the submission includes attachments. An asterisk (\*) indicates that the submission contains confidential material NOT available to the public.

Table A.2 Meetings

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| Participant |
| **Commonwealth and national** |
| Australian Competition and Consumer Commission |
| Australian Energy Market Commission |
| Australian Energy Market Operator |
| Australian Energy Regulator |
| Australian Power and Gas |
| Department of Finance and Deregulation |
| Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism |
| Energy Networks Association |
| Energy Retailers Association of Australia |
| Energy Supply Association of Australia |
| Energy Users Association of Australia |
| EnerNOC |
| Ergas, Henry |
| ERM Power |
| Fearon, Paul |
| Grattan Institute |
| Grid Australia |
| Infrastructure Australia |
| Infrastructure Partnerships Australia |
| Jemena |
| Landis+Gyr |
| Nuttall Consulting |
| Tamblyn, John |
| The Treasury |
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| **Australian Capital Territory** |
| ActewAGL |
| Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate |
| Treasury Directorate |
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| **New South Wales** |
| Ausgrid |
| Department of Premier and Cabinet |
| Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services |
| Essential Energy |
| Institute of Sustainable Futures, University of Technology Sydney |
| Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal |
| The Treasury |
| TransGrid |

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| Participant |
| **Queensland** |
| Department of Energy and Water Supply |
| Department of the Premier and Cabinet |
| Energex |
| Ergon Energy |
| Independent Review Panel on Network Costs |
| Powerlink Queensland |
| Queensland Treasury and Trade |
| QEnergy |
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| **South Australia** |
| Department of Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy |
| Department of Treasury and Finance |
| ElectraNet |
| Essential Services Commission of South Australia |
| SA Power Networks (formerly ETSA Utilities) |
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| **Tasmania** |
| Basslink |
| Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources |
| Department of Treasury and Finance |
| Hydro Tasmania |
| Office of the Tasmanian Economic Regulator |
| Transend Networks |
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| **Victoria** |
| CitiPower and Powercor Australia |
| Department of Premier and Cabinet |
| Department of Primary Industries |
| Energy Safe Victoria |
| Essential Services Commission |
| SP AusNet |
| United Energy |
| Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission |
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| **Western Australia** |
| Department of Finance |
| Department of Treasury |
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| **Overseas** |
| Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (US) |
| Hogan, William |
| Littlechild, Stephen |
| Ofgem (UK) |

Table A.3 Roundtables

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| Organisation | Participant |
| **Canberra – 12 November 2012** |  |
| Ausgrid | Neil Gordon |
| Australian Energy Market Commission | Rory Campbell |
|  | Electra Papas |
| Australian Energy Regulator | Chris Pattas |
| Choice | Katrina Lee |
| Energy Networks Association | Susan Streeter |
| Energy Retailers Association of Australia | Ramy Soussou |
| Energy Users Association of Australia | Bruce Mountain |
| EnerNOC | Paul Troughton |
| Landis+Gyr | Milan Vrkic |
| Oakley Greenwood | Lance Hoch |
| Department of Primary Industries (Vic) | Graham Dawson |
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| **Sydney – 19 November 2012** |  |
| Australian Energy Market Commission | Chris Bangaro |
|  | Paul Smith |
| Australian Energy Market Operator | Louis Tirpcou |
|  | David Swift |
| Australian Energy Regulator | Mark Wilson |
|  | George Huang |
| ElectraNet | Rainer Korte |
| Energy Users Association of Australia | Bruce Mountain |
| Grid Australia | Peter McIntyre |
| South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure | Rebecca Knight |
| SP AusNet | Kelvin Gerbert |
| University of New South Wales | Hugh Outhred |
| Department of Primary Industries (Vic) | Mark Feather |

Table A.4 Public Hearings

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| Individual or organisation | Transcript page numbers |
| **Melbourne – 27 November 2012** |  |
| CitiPower and Powercor Australia | 4–19 |
| SP AusNet | 20–40 |
| Hydro Tasmania | 41–58 |
| Sustainable Regional Australia | 59–74 |
| Consumer Action Law Centre | 75–89 |
| Energy Users Association of Australia | 90–110 |
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| **Sydney – 3 December 2012** |  |
| Australian Energy Regulator | 113–135 |
| Landis+Gyr | 136–159 |
| Energy Supply Association of Australia | 160–177 |
| Major Energy Users | 178–201 |
| City of Sydney | 202–216 |
| AGL Energy | 217–234 |
| Public Interest Advocacy Centre | 235–248 |
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| **Canberra – 6 December 2012** |  |
| Smart Grid Australia | 251–270 |
| Department of Primary Industries (Vic) | 271–287 |
| Grid Australia | 288–315 |
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| **Canberra – 10 December 2012** |  |
| Australian Services Union | 318–328 |
| Energy Networks Association | 329–350 |
| National Generators Forum | 351–373 |
| EnerNOC | 374–389 |
| Australian Energy Market Operator | 390–422 |