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Endeavour Energy - Trial Waiver Application - 2023

Intellihub welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Australian Energy Regulator's consultation on the first trial waiver application, which was submitted by Endeavour Energy (Endeavour).

Endeavour's application relates to a roll-out of smart meters to around 10,250 residential customers across Marsden Park, Penrith, Bawley Point, Aerotropolis and Westmead in New South Wales (Proposed Trial). The Proposed Trial represents a continuation of a trial conducted during 2020-21 which involved transitioning approximately 2,850 customers in the Albion Park area to smart metering (Albion Park Trial). Intellihub was a partner of the Albion Park Trial and collaborated with Endeavour and 10 retailers to develop and execute a smart meter deployment process that demonstrated an effective industry process is achievable using a DNSP led model within a contestable metering framework. The collaboration also helped to foster a strong partnership resulting in additional benefits that would be difficult to achieve via regulation.

Endeavour's application seeks to continue with a DNSP led model and with more customer, retailer and metering service provider participation. This trial is aligned with the AEMC's draft report on the regulatory framework for metering services and will provide valuable experience on what is workable, especially on items that are yet to be resolved (for example how to manage site remediation). On this basis, we support Endeavour Energy's trial waiver application.

If you have any questions regarding this submission please contact **and the provided on the second s**

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