



Matt Thistlethwaite

Your Local Member for Kingsford Smith

22 September 2025

Ms Clare Savage
Australian Energy Regulator
GPO Box 3131
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Ms Savage,

Re: Ausgrid Community Power Network

I am writing to express support for Ausgrid's Community Power Network sandbox proposal.

Solving current equity issues in accessing the benefits of solar and storage, lowering the costs of energy for homes and businesses in our communities, and accelerating our transition to renewable energy sources are all key priorities for the Kingsford Smith electorate.

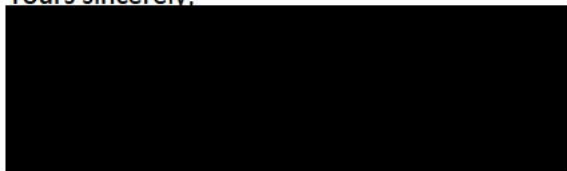
As the local member for one the areas that has been chosen as a trial site, I am particularly interested to see the outcome of the trial and if this proposal benefits my community through:

- Activating untapped potential rooftop space, especially on large warehouses and buildings
- Enabling retailers to lift feed-in tariffs provided to homeowners
- Generating an annual dividend that gets equitably shared across all members in the community, regardless of whether they have solar and storage
- Increase network utilisation to generate long term electricity cost reductions if scaled through creating a smarter, more efficient grid; and
- Transferring more of the benefits that large-scale orchestration can deliver to end users, less controlled by large multi-national conglomerates taking commercial profits.

Renewable energy as a sustainable power source for Australia is one of the Albanese government's priorities, and this project directly aligns with our commitment to reduce carbon emissions to meet our 2035 targets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite MP
Member for Kingsford Smith

