

September 10, 2025
Australian Energy Regulator
GPO Box 3131
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Ms Savage,

The Property Council of Australia welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on Ausgrid's Community Power Network concept in the Central Coast.

The Property Council champions the interest of more than 2,200 member companies representing the full spectrum of the industry, including those who invest, own, manage and develop property of all asset classes. The property industry shapes the future of our cities and regions, and we have a deep, long-term interest in seeing them prosper as productive and sustainable places.

I am writing to express support for Ausgrid's Community Power Network concept that involves the accelerated deployment of Consumer Energy Resources and Distributed Energy Resources, in a local network area, planned and owned by Ausgrid. It seeks to pool surplus solar from rooftops into batteries to both redistribute during the evening peak, and to trade on the wholesale market to generate profit, which Ausgrid proposes to share with trial customers.

I am particularly excited to see if this concept can deliver on the promises of:

- Activating untapped potential rooftop space, especially on large warehouses and buildings.
- Enabling retailers to lift feed-in tariffs.
- Generating an annual dividend that gets equitably shared amongst customers.
- 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 like industry and business.

I commend the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to incubate innovate models such as this one via your sandbox mechanism. It is important that we can quickly, and cost effectively test new ideas.

If you have any questions related to the matters raised in this submission, please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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