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

Dear Ms Savage,

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 Cook electorate.

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 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.

I commend you on the progressive thinking of 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.

Yours sincerely

Simon Kennedy

Member for Cook

