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Dear Mr Klingenberg,

**Re: South Australian Transformation Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission Project
Assessment Draft Report (PADR)**

Powerlink Queensland (Powerlink) is pleased to make this submission in response to ElectraNet's Project Assessment Draft Report (PADR) for the South Australian Energy Transformation Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (SAET RIT-T).

Powerlink is supportive of the outcome of the PADR which identifies that the construction of a new, high capacity interconnector between South Australia and New South Wales would deliver substantial net benefits to customers.

Powerlink acknowledges that significant industry changes have complicated and delayed the SAET RIT-T process. Powerlink is encouraged that ElectraNet's analysis considers and aligns with the latest thinking and in particular the recently released Integrated System Plan (ISP). Powerlink supports RIT-T processes progressing in a timely manner going forward.

Powerlink has worked collaboratively with ElectraNet on the South West Queensland - Northern South Australia HVDC voltage source converter option (Option B) to:

- Define the scope and provide input into the cost of this option;
- Assess the impact that this option has on the existing power transfer limits of the interconnected NEM; and
- Review the technical assumptions for assessing the market benefits.

The outcomes of the SAET RIT-T should be taken into account in the development and analysis of other RIT-Ts, including the upcoming Queensland / New South Wales Interconnector (QNI) RIT-T. We will monitor the SAET PACR anticipated to be released November 2018 to inform the upcoming QNI RIT-T.

If you have any questions in relation to this submission or would like to meet with Powerlink, please contact Damian Vermey, Group Manager Technology and Planning.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Merryn York".

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