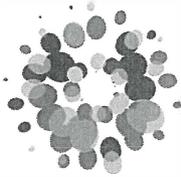


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13 December 2019

The Honourable Bill Johnston MLA
 Minister for Energy
 Dumas House
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 WEST PERTH WA 6005

Transmission via email: Minister.Johnston@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Minister,

Alinta Energy support for the Pilbara Electricity Reforms

On behalf of Alinta Energy I would like to commend you on the introduction of the *Electricity Industry Amendment Bill 2019* into Parliament recently. This is an important milestone in the Pilbara Electricity Reforms and represents significant collaboration to date by Government, Energy Policy WA and industry.

Alinta Energy has long recognised the benefits of open access for Pilbara customers and has been proactively working with successive Governments to facilitate greater competition in the Pilbara since 2014. Given this, we would like to provide our support for the Bill, which provides the framework for the Pilbara Electricity Reforms.

We understand that the Government has introduced additional policy measures in order to enable the Pilbara reforms to progress at this time. However, it is important that both the contestability threshold and temporary access contribution are reduced over time as greater efficiencies are realised in the region.

We thank Government and Energy Policy WA for the early engagement and consultative approach taken to date and look forward to continuing to work with the Government and other Pilbara stakeholders on finalising the detailed design for the Pilbara electricity reforms so customers can realise the benefits of competition as quickly as possible.

Government should actively pursue increasing competition in the SWIS

Given the benefits that are derived from electricity competition more broadly we consider Government should also be actively facilitating effective retail competition in the SWIS, starting with the immediate reduction in the electricity contestability threshold to include small business customers that can begin benefitting from competitive offers today.



I wish you all the very best for the upcoming holiday season and look forward to working with you in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dimery". The signature is stylized, with the first letter 'D' being particularly large and looping.

Jeff Dimery
Managing Director and CEO
Alinta Energy