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Dear Ms Wang

Re: Discussion Paper: 2012 Wholesale Electricity Market Report to the Minister for Energy

We appreciate the opportunity to provide a submission to the ERA's draft report on the Wholesale Electricity Market (WEM).

Within our operations, the revenue available through DSM participation will assist us to mitigate rising electricity costs and to fund new sustainability initiatives. Importantly, our exposure to DSM programs has assisted us in gaining an improved understanding of our electricity usage, and obtaining detailed, real-time views of our consumption that has already led to energy efficiencies and initiatives.

The catalyst of our newly formed Sustainability Committee (which consists of Senior Management Staff, Teaching Staff, Operational Staff and Students) was our enrolment in DSM. Any revenue from our participation was to be reinvested to fund sustainability initiatives and help reduce average and peak electricity demands.

The structure of current DSM payments supports our ongoing participation. We will not continue our engagement should the payments structure for DSM alter to reduce our current level of revenue.

We are proud of our participation in DSM, benefitting the entire WA community. We strongly urge the ERA to promote the equitable treatment of DSM within the WA market and present the full context of DSM benefits in its final report.

Should you have any queries or require further information please contact me on 9424 6528 or skronja@plc.wa.edu.au

Kind regards

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