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Dear Stephen

## **SUBMISSION TO PROJECT MARINUS PROJECT ASSESSMENT DRAFT REPORT (PADR)**

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide a submission on TasNetworks' consultation for the Marinus Link PADR. The market modelling and supplementary information papers published alongside the report, including the hourly data relating to generation, demand and interconnector flows provide useful information, and are a positive initiative in delivering transparency for those interested in participating in this Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T) process.

In the Draft 2020 Integrated System Plan (ISP), AEMO recommended progressing with the design and regulatory approvals process for Marinus Link, with the intent of making the project 'shovel-ready'. The ISP identified this as a low-regret approach that will allow time for further assessment and certainty before the 2022 ISP, while ensuring project delivery remains possible by as early as 2027-28 if a decision to proceed is made by 2023-24.

As the Victorian jurisdictional planner, AEMO has also worked co-operatively with TasNetworks to ensure that any impacts of Marinus Link on the Victorian transmission network are well understood and factored into the analysis. This has included an understanding of network impacts across a range of possible Victorian landing points, and the broader implications for network utilisation and Victorian interconnections with other States. These impacts have been shared with the Project Marinus team and summarised in AEMO's Victorian Annual Planning Report.

AEMO looks forward to continued engagement with TasNetworks following publication of the final 2020 ISP, and through the Joint Planning process as the Marinus Link RIT-T progresses to the next stage of investigation.

Yours sincerely,

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