

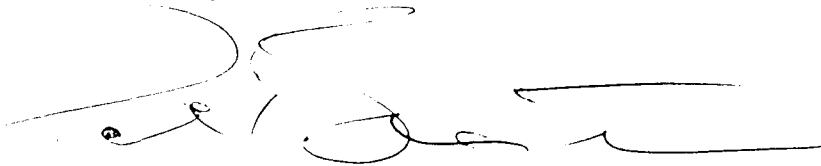
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Dear Ms Wiltshire

The Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission (the commission) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Issues Paper on National Framework for Electricity and Gas Distribution and Retail Regulation.

The commission has responsibility for a number of the areas addressed in the paper. For example, it has responsibility for setting prices for electricity and gas in the ACT, and for administering the utilities licensing scheme and approving and enforcing industry codes of practice (as opposed to technical codes of practice). The commission's comments are restricted to issues relating to its responsibilities. The commission does not feel that it is appropriate to comment on issues relating to policy and has not done so in preparing this submission.

Yours sincerely



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