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MCE Market Reforms  
Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources  
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Dear Mr Henderson

### **ORIGIN ENERGY'S CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO MCE MARKET REFORMS**

Please see our attached submission to the SCO on MCE covering Streamlining the Code Change Process, MoU Framework and Industry Levy.

We have combined our responses to the three consultation papers into one submission because we found that there were several issues that were relevant to all the papers. The first section of our response is an introduction which contains our comments that are relevant to all three consultation topics. The latter sections address each consultation paper individually: streamlining the code change process, the MoU framework and application of the industry levy. We have limited our submission to less than 15 pages in total. We have commented on all the issues that are important to us, so we may not directly have addressed each point raised for consultation.

We note that there are decision-making processes running in parallel with the consultation process, which are producing undertakings that we have not been party to such as formalisation of the intergovernmental agreement, MCE discussions on transitional funding options for AER and AEMC and drafting the details of the MoU. Timely release to the public of detailed information from these discussions and decisions has not occurred so that we have not been able to incorporate the implications of any recent changes into our submission.

Origin Energy aims to convey views through the consultation process that are as informed as possible to assist governments to develop appropriate policy. We will be assisted in this effort by the timely release of information from the MCE to stakeholders, given the short timeframes under which thorough consultation is anticipated.

We look forward to discussing the issues we have raised in this submission with yourself and the SCO in the near future.

Regards

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