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Dear Mr Ryan

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of WA (CCI) welcomes the invitation to comment on the proposed regulatory reforms for the North West Interconnected System (NWIS) in the Pilbara region.

CCI intends to provide a more detailed response to the Department of Treasury on behalf of its members but in order to meet your deadline we have provided some initial general comment below:

- CCI supports the State Government undertaking reforms to facilitate competition in the electricity sector as it will enhance customer choice and put downward pressure on costs
- It is our view that competition and lower costs will result in a more efficient electricity sector and provide broader economic benefits for the Pilbara region
- Providing certainty and clarity to industry participants on the governance of the NWIS also has the potential to support investment in the region
- The State Government's stated policy objective of designing a framework that delivers efficiency is supported by CCI. It is particularly important that the framework is designed so that it does not impose avoidable regulatory costs on industry participants and electricity customers.

It is encouraging to see the State Government recognises the potential for competition in electricity markets to deliver positive outcomes for consumers and the broader economy.

CCI looks forward to making further contributions to the proposed NWIS reforms and other initiatives to deliver a more efficient electricity sector for Western Australia.

Yours sincerely

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