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The Research Director
State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000



Dear Sir/Madam,

Vegetation Management Framework Amendment Bill 2013

Energex Limited (Energex) wishes to make a submission to the State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee regarding the *Vegetation Management Framework Amendment Bill 2013*.

Energex supports changes to the current Vegetation Management framework that would result in more efficient and cost effective electrical infrastructure development and maintenance in South East Queensland.

In particular, Energex supports the removal of high value regrowth regulations, using the new definition of regrowth. Energex also supports the creation of a head of power under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* to create self-assessable codes for development regulated through the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*. Such codes should be developed with an awareness of their impacts on State Government infrastructure, including electricity infrastructure, and seek to provide an appropriate balance between efficiency and accountability for vegetation impacts. Energex would be happy to contribute to the development of self assessable codes in due course. A small amendment to clause 19O(1(a)(ii) should be made: the word "to" should be replaced by the word "for".

Lastly Energex requests that consideration be given to amending clause 12 of the Bill to allow someone other the 'owner of land' to apply to amend a regulated vegetation management map. This would provide anybody affected by errors on the map with the ability to seek map corrections in the interests of balanced and meaningful outcomes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information in relation to this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Paton". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

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