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Dear Mr Pierce 

AEMC REVIEW OF TRANSMISSION FRAMEWORKS

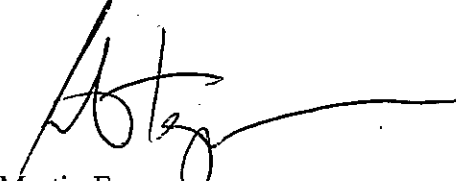
Thank you for your letter of 9 February 2011 requesting an amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Transmission Frameworks Review to extend the date by which the review is to be completed to 30 June 2012. I am replying on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Energy (MCE).

The MCE notes the revised timeframe you have proposed for the report and concurs that this will improve opportunities for consultation and full analysis of the issues, but stresses the imperative that this review be completed in a timely and cost effective manner. The MCE recognises that there are divergent views on the issues being addressed and that undertaking this important review will require dealing with some sensitivities. Testing your analysis and findings through stakeholder engagement will be essential to producing robust outcomes.

The MCE agrees to your request for an extension to the delivery date for the Final Report to 30 June 2012, and asks that you continue to keep its Standing Committee of Officials (SCO) closely advised of your progress.

Thank you for your work on this review to date.

Yours sincerely


Martin Ferguson