

**10 February 2021**

**Dr Kerry Schott  
Chairman  
Energy Security Board  
info@esb.org.au**

### **Interim REZ Framework submission**

South Energy welcomes the opportunity to provide our input during the ESB's Interim REZ Framework consultation process. Our detailed comments are set out in a separate attachment to this letter, and follow the format set out in the Interim REZ Framework consultation paper.

### **Who we are**

South Energy is an emerging renewable energy developer based in Victoria.

Our team has been working with local communities, local councils and planning officials to secure development approvals for five utility scale projects in Victoria and two in Western Australia in recent years.

South Energy has four approved projects in Victoria, namely:

- Campbells Forest Solar Farm (200 MW AC)
- Frasers Solar Farm (77 MW AC)
- Kennedys Creek Solar Farm (125 MW AC)
- Goorambat Solar Farm (70 MW AC)

The planning approvals for both Frasers Solar Farm and Kennedys Creek Solar Farm were announced as part of a suite of fast-tracked projects expected to create jobs and stimulate growth in the post-COVID economy.

Our continued progress can be attributed to the commitment to sustainability and acceptance of our business practices and operating procedures by our employees, stakeholders and the general public.

### **Our view on grid investment and connection processes**

We acknowledge the current challenges being faced by transmission and distribution network operators and continue to engage in positive dialogue to progress grid connections for our projects. We are actively working with AEMO and the relevant grid companies to bring a secure and reliable electricity supply while maintaining the feasibility of each project.

We support the development of the REZ concept, as it will help Australia's transition out of burning fossil fuels for electricity production and speed the path towards net zero emissions by 2050.

However we do have reservations about how the Interim REZ Framework will sit with the National Electricity Rules, particularly for a brief few years prior to the introduction of further reforms post-2025 that the ESB has been working on for some time.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in this process. For any questions on our submission, please contact Johan Laban on +61 432 020 478 or via email at [johan.laban@southenergy.com.au](mailto:johan.laban@southenergy.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

Ken Wang  
Deputy Managing Director