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Response to QREZ Technical Discussion Paper

Stanwell Corporation Limited (Stanwell) welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Department of Energy and Public Works' QREZ Design and Access Technical Discussion Paper, November 2021.

Stanwell acknowledges the work of the Department of Energy and Public Works (the Department) in preparing the QREZ Design and Access Technical Discussion Paper, and thanks the Department for the opportunity to provide a response.

The responses provided by Stanwell to the consultation questions at Attachment A contain the views of Stanwell in relation to the QREZ Design and Access Technical Discussion Paper and should not be construed as being indicative or representative of Queensland Government Policy.

As a major provider of electricity to Queensland, the National Electricity Market (NEM) and large energy users throughout Australia, Stanwell owns and operates two coal fired power stations that provide reliable and affordable energy to its customers and the NEM. We are also exploring new generation and storage technologies to help reduce emissions and ensure a secure and reliable electricity supply into the future.

This is an exciting and dynamic time for the Australian energy sector, and Stanwell is evolving and renewing our portfolio to respond to market and consumer expectations. We currently have a pipeline of renewable energy projects in progress which align with the proposed Central and Southern QREZs.

Stanwell sees the development of renewable energy zones (REZs) in Queensland, if structured effectively, as a positive step to encourage development of additional renewable energy supply within the State close to current and future energy load centres. Stanwell notes that the Australian Energy Market Commission and the Energy Security Board have been working on transmission access reform, including REZs, for over a decade and continue to find that the implementation detail is critical. We expect the same to be true for the Queensland Government design process.

Stanwell looks forward to the realisation of the full potential of REZs in Queensland as we continue to ensure a reliable and stable energy network now and into the future, and work towards achieving genuine benefits for local communities, businesses and the State.

We welcome continued participation in the planning, design and development of REZs in Queensland.

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Yours sincerely

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Attachment A: Stanwell response to QREZ Design and Access Technical Discussion Paper