

Media Release



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Executive Manager, Engineering appointed to AEMC reliability panel

Essential Energy's Executive Manager, Engineering David Salisbury has been appointed to the Australian Energy Markets Commission's (AEMC) Reliability Panel, which reviews and reports on the safety, security and reliability of the national electricity system.

Mr Salisbury is an experienced executive and an accomplished engineer with expertise in gas distribution, and electricity and gas transmission across the United Kingdom as well as electricity distribution in Australia. He has a strong technical background with in-depth commercial and regulatory experience and first-hand knowledge of using technology to enable transformation.

David said, "I'm delighted to accept this appointment to the AEMC Reliability Panel as their Distribution Network Service Provider (DNSP) representative."

"The AEMC is the industry rule maker focused on providing secure and reliable power to customers. I'm looking forward to being able to contribute the knowledge and industry best practices that we utilise every day at Essential Energy to the panel to drive best value for customers."

"I'd like to thank AEMC Commissioner Charles Popple for the opportunity to serve on this committee, and Essential Energy CEO John Cleland for supporting my appointment," David said.

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FACT FILE:

- Essential Energy builds, operates and maintains one of Australia's largest electricity distribution networks, servicing 870,000 customers across regional, rural and remote NSW.
- Our footprint covers 95 percent of NSW, traversing 737,000 square kilometres of landmass with 183,612 km of powerline, 163,417 of those in designated bushfire zones.
- The network services more than 855,000 customers with approximately 5.1 customers to each kilometre of powerline, which is almost one-tenth the customer density compared with our counterparts in NSW.
- Essential Energy's footprint also includes 1.38 million power poles, equating to 1.6 power poles per customer.
- Essential Energy is proud to be the 2019 winner of the Australian Apprentices – Employer Award.