

# Modern Slavery Statement

ElectraNet Pty Limited

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#### **REPORTING CRITERIA 1**

## **Reporting entity**

This Modern Slavery Statement is jointly made by:

ElectraNet Pty Limited (ACN 094 482 416) and ElectraNet Transmission Investments Pty Ltd (ACN 119 027 262) pursuant to the Modern Slavery Act 2018 (Cth).

This Statement is approved by the Board of the ElectraNet Group.



Independent Director and Chairman

Steven Masks

**Steve Masters** 

Chief Executive ElectraNet

#### **Reporting Entity**

This Modern Slavery Statement is submitted by the ElectraNet Group, comprising ElectraNet Pty Limited ACN 094 482 416 and its subsidiary ElectraNet Transmission Investments Pty Limited, ACN 119 027 262.

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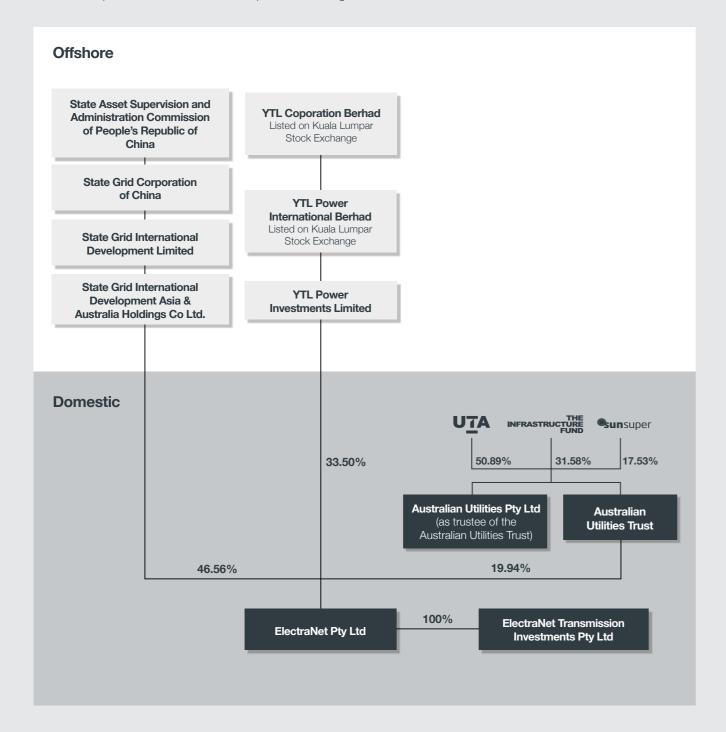


## Structure, operations and supply chains

#### **Entity Structure**

ElectraNet is a private company and operates under the governance of the ElectraNet Board of Directors, and an independent Chairman. ElectraNet Pty Limited has a fully owned subsidiary, ElectraNet Transmission Investments Pty Limited, together referred to as ElectraNet for the purpose of this Statement.

The ownership structure of ElectraNet is depicted in the diagram overleaf.



#### **Corporate Structure**



Steve Masters
Chief Executive



# Mark Cannadine Group Executive Corporate

Services
People and

Communication

Safety and
Sustainability

Business Resilience Technology



#### Sam Dighton

General Counsel, Company Secretary and Group Executive Commercial

> Legal Insurance

Board and Shareholder Relations

Supplier Relations

Property Services



#### John O'Dea Chief Financial

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Financial Control
Treasury



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Corporate
Development

Corporate Development

Business Development



#### Rainer Korte

Group Executive
Asset Management

Asset Lifecycle

Network Development

Regulation and Investment Planning



## Simon Emms Group Executive Network Services

Major Projects

Project Delivery

Network Operations

Project Engineering

Asset Engineering and Maintenance Delivery



#### **Operations**

As the owner and operator of South Australia's electricity transmission network, we play a key role in powering the homes, businesses and communities of South Australia.

While only a small part of the overall cost of electricity (typically less than 10%), transmission plays an increasing role in a transforming power system to ensure the safe, reliable and affordable supply of electricity.

The National Electricity Objective is to efficient operation and use of, electricity

- price, quality, safety and reliability and security of supply of electricity
- the reliability, safety, and security of

#### The role of **ElectraNet**

generated from

traditional and

renewable energy

sources such as

wind, solar and gas.

#### **Distribution** Retail Generation **Transmission** Consumers =00 Embedded generators are becoming a large generator --0-\$==0 =00 **Direct Connection** Large Industrial The distribution The traditional flow of Electricity is Electricity enters Retailers are the

network, operated in

South Australia by

SA Power Networks,

transports low-voltage

electricity to residential

and commercial

customers.

primary point of

contact for residential

and commercial

customers.

They coordinate

connections and

manage billing and

payments.

electricity supply is

changing. Over one in

three South Australian

homes now combines

the electricity they draw

from the network with

power generated by

roofton solar panels, and

also contributes surplus

electricity back to the

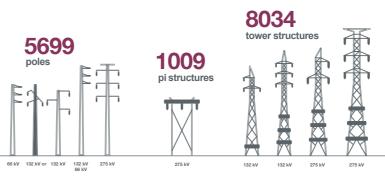
network.

promote efficient investment in, and services for the long-term interests of consumers of electricity with respect to:

the national electricity system.

South Australia's transmission network has 5914 circuit kilometres of transmission lines, supported by 14,742 structures, including 27 circuit kilometres of underground transmission cable.





97 substations and switchyards 3581 voltage and

transformers

circuit breakers

653

58 132 kV sites

35

275 kV sites

66 kV sites

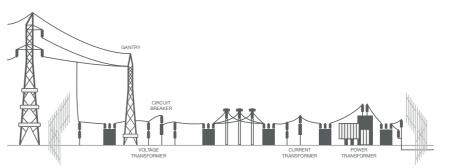
**127** sites including 45 stand-alone towers

1400 km of optical fibre (approx)

104

weather stations including 57

stand-alone



108 132 kV power

45

275 kV power

66 kV power

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The operation of this network is managed by ElectraNet's workforce of approximately 400 employees. This workforce is located in South Australia working from one of our corporate offices or working at one of our asset locations throughout the State.

With the continuing impact of COVID-19 during 2020/21 ElectraNet staff have had flexibility in their working location to ensure the ongoing work health and safety of our team and the wider community, together with the ability to receive COVID-19 vaccinations and testing during work hours.

ElectraNet's safety culture includes proactive identification of work health and safety risks and staff are encouraged to report any observation, regardless of the level of risk it

To support the management of the transmission network ElectraNet has a significant supplier base that provide a range of goods and services to support the efficient and reliable transmission of electricity.

This supplier base is underpinned by our construction and maintenance service suppliers who perform the majority of services undertaken by ElectraNet suppliers.

ElectraNet has strict Work Health and Safety procedures and policies that must be followed. This includes audits and observations of work being undertaken to ensure that safety risks to any person are minimised. The safety of ElectraNet's staff, suppliers and community is our number one priority.



ElectraNet's network where

it is converted to higher

voltages, for efficient

long-distance transport to

cities and towns around

South Australia.

The voltage is then lowered

so it can enter the

distribution network or be

supplied directly to some

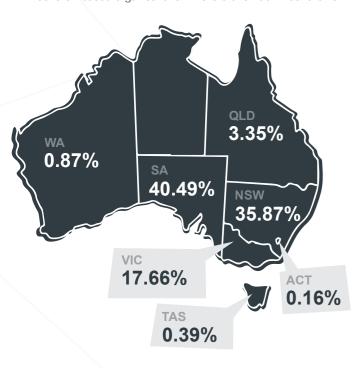
large industrial customers.

# Risks of modern slavery in operations and supply chain

ElectraNet has considered the following factors when assessing the risk of modern slavery in operations and supply chain.

#### **FACTOR 1: Location of suppliers**

In 2020/21, 98.79% of ElectraNet's expenditure was with Australian based organisations. This is broken down as follows:



The remaining 1.21% of ElectraNet's expenditure in the reporting period was with organisations based in Canada, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

#### **FACTOR 2:** Nature of purchases

In the 2020/21 financial year, ElectraNet's expenditure was categorized as follows:

- 1. direct goods including plant and equipment, consumables and IT hardware 14%.
- services including construction and maintenance services, professional services, legal services, facilities services and supplementary labour – 86%.

ElectraNet purchases a range of specialist plant and equipment to expand and maintain our transmission network. This plant and equipment has precise technical requirements that can only be sourced from a number of expert suppliers who manufacture the equipment required. These expert suppliers generally require staff with specialist skills rather than unskilled staff.

All factories that are used for the manufacture of this plant and equipment are subject to a factory pre-qualification which includes observations on technical procedures as well as worker health and safety.

For our construction suppliers, ElectraNet monitors and has corporate performance targets for safety of workers on projects.

## FACTOR 3: Number of suppliers who have submitted a Modern Slavery Statement

Using the Modern Slavery Register ElectraNet reviewed the number of suppliers that had submitted a Statement. Of the suppliers engaged in this period, 70 have submitted a Modern Slavery Statement. These suppliers account for 77% of ElectraNet's supply chain expenditure during the period

#### **Risk statement**

ElectraNet maintains a level of assurance that the risk of modern slavery in our supply chain is minimised. This is based on:

- the very high use of Australian based suppliers
- the nature of ElectraNet's operations requiring specialist skills which are less vulnerable to modern slavery
- the number of suppliers, accounting for 77% of ElectraNet's supply chain, who submitted a Modern Slavery Statement.

#### **REPORTING CRITERIA 4**

# Actions taken to address risks, including due diligence and remediation

In ElectraNet's Statement for 2019/20 the following actions were identified:

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# Continue assessment of suppliers through the modern slavery pre-qualification questionnaire.

To address this action ElectraNet continued pre-qualification of suppliers with 65 suppliers undertaking the assessment during the reporting period.

Review of the factory pre-qualification observation questionnaire.

To address this action ElectraNet reviewed the factory pre-qualification checklist and has not taken further action at this time.

The current observations include:

- Occupational Health and Safety certification
- worker outlook
- management process for non-original parts/components from suppliers
- promotion of Respectful workplace behaviours/Formalised Code of Conduct.

In addition to the above planned actions, ElectraNet:

- introduced a Whistleblower Policy which applies to ElectraNet staff, contractors, consultants and suppliers
- introduced a materiality assessment on sustainability issues, including modern slavery
- continued rollout of new contract templates containing Modern Slavery clauses with specific focus on suppliers of plant and equipment
- was subject to an audit on compliance to ISO45001 Occupational Health and Safety Management systems. ElectraNet passed this audit, with one of the areas of improvement being re-evaluation of suppliers of plant and equipment.

Consider investment in a tool to support automation of assessment and monitoring of supply chain practices.

To address this action ElectraNet subscribed to the Informed 365 Modern Slavery Platform as part of a consortium with other members of the Energy Procurement and Supply Association.

This to

- allows suppliers to answer just one supplier questionnaire with responses being available to nominated consortium members
- provides a risk level based on geography and industry for each supplier
- provides a risk level based on responses provided to the supplier questionnaire.

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# Improve knowledge and awareness of modern slavery risks across ElectraNet's business.

To address this action ElectraNet:

- published the Modern Slavery Statement for 2019/20 with an accompanying article on our staff internet site
- delivered contract training to approximately 120 staff including those who are responsible for the day-to-day management of construction contracts. This training included a section on Work Health and Safety which incorporated the modern slavery provision in ElectraNet's
- delivered modern slavery training to ElectraNet's Commercial Division.

## How the reporting entity assesses the effectiveness of these actions

ElectraNet's actions have resulted in:



**Increased awareness** across our internal stakeholders, including staff, the Executive **Management Team and ElectraNet Board.** 

This has occurred through:

- The consultation and approval process of the first Statement
- Internal communications and training, including the introduction of the Whistleblower Policy
- ElectraNet staff participation in procurement processes.



Assessing compliance by suppliers with the legislation.

This has occurred through:

Example

• 70 suppliers submitting their Modern Slavery Statements.



**Increased awareness** of suppliers, not only our high-spend suppliers through:

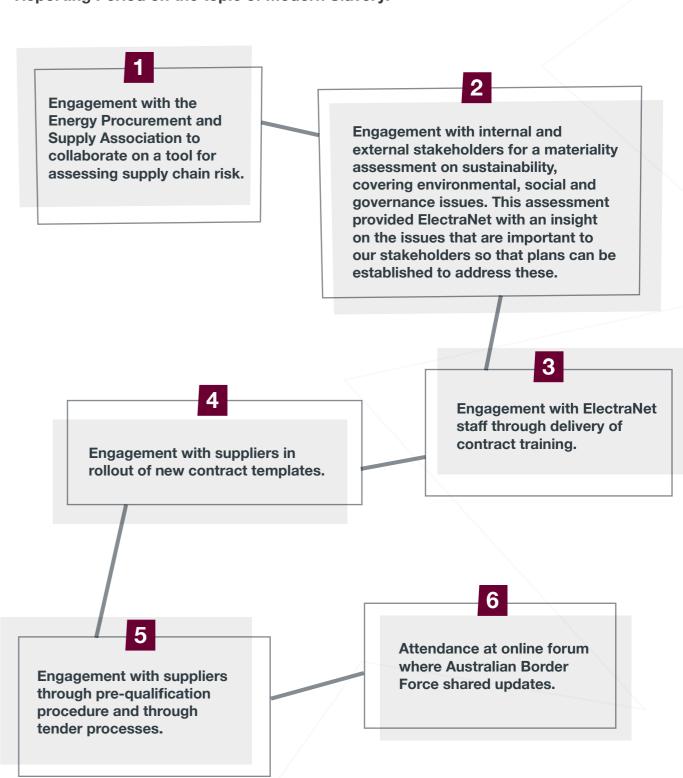
- Modern Slavery provisions in contracts, including Purchase Orders
- Modern Slavery questions in tender documents
- Modern Slavery questionnaire in pre-qualification procedure.



#### **REPORTING CRITERIA 6**

### **Process of consultation**

ElectraNet has engaged with internal and external stakeholders throughout the Reporting Period on the topic of Modern Slavery.





### **Other information**

ElectraNet will continually improve the understanding and certainty of risk in our supply chain through:

**Continuation of our** pre-qualification programme

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**Engagement with peers and** industry to continue to develop understanding of risks

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**Commencement of ongoing** evaluation process for plant and equipment suppliers

**Continuation of establishing** contemporary contracts that contain Modern Slavery clauses

**Continual review of relevant** policies and procedures to identify areas for improvement

Ongoing discussions and identification of training opportunities with internal and external stakeholders

