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Energy Networks support Smart Street Lighting Council

The Energy Networks Association (ENA) will support the Street Lighting and Smart Controls Council launched today at Sydney Town Hall.

The Council will be overseen by the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) and deliver a two-year Street Lighting and Smart Controls (SLSC) program aimed at accelerating the deployment of LED street lighting and smart controls systems.

ENA Chief Executive Officer, John Bradley, said the SLSC program is timely given the increasing use of electricity networks as platforms for smart technology.

“We’re excited about the potential to transform streetlights from a fairly unremarkable load to a key element of the smart grid, integrated with smart cities,” Mr Bradley said.

“Energy networks welcome the initiative by IPWEA as it has the potential to deliver more efficient and safer lighting for the public.”

Mr Bradley said ENA would work with the SLSC Council and program partners to help realise the benefits of LED street lighting and smart controls technology for network service providers and their customers.

He said it was a good example of how the electricity network could be used as a two-way exchange platform, which is a core focus of ENA’s *Electricity Network Transformation Roadmap* project, a partnership with the CSIRO.

“The ENA and network businesses look forward to providing strategic, technical and policy guidance in the SLSC program,” Mr Bradley said.

The SLSC program aims to provide strategic guidance on LED lighting and smart control specifications and a comprehensive information and education program.

The program is supported by the Australian Government through the National Energy Productivity Plan.

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