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To the Chair Transmission Lessor Corporation

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Transmission Lessor Corporation for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the Transmission Lessor Corporation as at 30 June 2023, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, the *Public Corporations Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Reporting Requirements.

The consolidated financial report comprises:

- a Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023
- a Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023
- a Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2023
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023
- notes, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the Chair.

Basis for opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report' section of my report. I am independent of the Transmission Lessor Corporation. The *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* establishes the independence of the Auditor-General. In conducting the audit, the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* have been met.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the financial report

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, the *Public Corporations Act 1993* and the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Reporting Requirements, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, taking into account any policy or funding decisions the government has made which affect the continued existence of the entity. The Directors are also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the assessment indicates that it is not appropriate.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report

As required by section 31(1)(b) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and section 13(3) of the Schedule to the *Public Corporations Act 1993*, I have audited the financial report of the Transmission Lessor Corporation for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control

- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Transmission Lessor Corporation's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors
- conclude on the appropriateness of the Director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause an entity to cease to continue as a going concern
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

My report refers only to the financial report described above and does not provide assurance over the integrity of electronic publication by the entity on any website nor does it provide an opinion on other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the report.

I communicate with the Chair about, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during the audit.



Daniel O'Donohue
Assistant Auditor-General (Financial Audit)

22 September 2023

Transmission Lessor Corporation

Financial Report

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Transmission Lessor Corporation

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Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Income			
Revenues from SA Government	3	150	150
Interest		52	2
Total income		202	152
Expenses			
Supplies and services	4	118	116
Other expenses	5	9	11
Total expenses		127	127
Net result		75	25
Total comprehensive result		75	25

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. The net result and total comprehensive result are attributable to the SA Government as owner.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,846	1,778
Receivables	7	11	6
Total current assets		1,857	1,784
Total assets		1,857	1,784
Current liabilities			
Payables	8	9	11
Total current liabilities		9	11
Total liabilities		9	11
Net assets		1,848	1,773
Equity			
Retained earnings		1,848	1,773
Total equity		1,848	1,773

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. The total equity is attributable to the SA Government as owner.

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Retained Earnings \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2021	1,748	1,748
Net result for 2021-22	25	25
Total comprehensive result for 2021-22	25	25
Balance at 30 June 2022	1,773	1,773
Net result for 2022-23	75	75
Total comprehensive result for 2022-23	75	75
Balance at 30 June 2023	1,848	1,848

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. All changes in equity are attributable to the SA Government as owner.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	Inflows/ (Outflows) \$'000	Inflows/ (Outflows) \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash Outflows			
Payments for supplies and services		(130)	(128)
Payments for other expenses		(12)	(12)
Cash used in operations		<u>(142)</u>	<u>(140)</u>
Cash Inflows			
Revenues from SA Government		150	150
Interest received		47	1
GST recovered from the ATO		13	13
Cash generated from operations		<u>210</u>	<u>164</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>68</u>	<u>24</u>
Net increase in cash		68	24
Cash at the beginning of the period		1,778	1,754
Cash at the end of the period	6	<u>1,846</u>	<u>1,778</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

1 Basis of Financial Statements

Incorporation

Transmission Lessor Corporation (the Corporation) was established as a body corporate pursuant to regulations made under the *Public Corporations Act 1993*.

The Corporation is a subsidiary of the Treasurer of South Australia.

Reporting Entity

The Corporation was established on 1 July 1995 as a subsidiary of the then ETSA Corporation under Regulations made pursuant to the *Public Corporations Act 1993*.

Pursuant to Ministerial Transfer Orders dated 31 October 2000 prescribed electricity assets consisting of the transmission network and transmission network land were transferred to the Corporation at book value.

On 1 July 2010, *The Public Corporations (Transmission Lessor Corporation) Regulations 2010* came into operation to replace the expiring *Public Corporations (Transmission Lessor Corporation) Regulations 1995*.

The principal activity of the Corporation is as lessor of the prescribed electricity assets consisting of the transmission network and the land on which it is located.

Statement of Compliance

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements prepared in compliance with:

- section 23 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*;
- Treasurer's Instructions and Accounting Policy Statements issued by the Treasurer under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*; and
- relevant Australian Accounting Standards, applying simplified disclosures.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared based on a 12 month reporting period and presented in Australian currency. The historical cost convention is used unless a different measurement basis is specifically disclosed in the note associated with the item measured.

The Corporation is classified as a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

All amounts in the financial statements and accompanying notes have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000).

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Taxation

Income tax equivalent

The Treasurer of South Australia has issued a determination pursuant to the Schedule to the Public Corporations Act 1993 whereby the Corporation is not subject to Commonwealth income tax equivalents for the period since incorporation.

Goods and services tax

Income, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST except:

- when the GST incurred on a purchase of goods or services is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item applicable; and
- receivables and payables, which are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is included as part of receivables or payables in the Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis and the GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office is classified as part of operating cash flows.

Insurance

The Corporation has arranged, through the South Australian Government Financing Authority (SAFA), to insure all major risks of the Corporation. The excess payable under this arrangement varies depending on each class of insurance held.

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2 Leases

On 31 October 2000, the Corporation leased the State's electricity transmission network and land under a 200 year finance lease to ElectraNet Pty Ltd. The leases are linked whereby default under one lease will result in a default in the other.

The lease was fully pre-paid leaving no residual payments.

The leases expire on 31 October 2200.

The lease agreement makes a provision for the potential sale of transmission network prescribed assets in the future, to the lessee, if the Corporation obtains lawful right to sell its right, title and interest in the assets. If this right is not obtained or the lessee's option to purchase is not exercised, the prescribed network assets will be returned to the Corporation or its nominee at the end of the lease term.

In the event that the lessees default under their respective leases, they are obliged to return the asset to the Corporation. Although at that time an asset will be recognised, no amount has been recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as the likelihood of default eventuating is remote.

Under the terms of the Transmission Network Land Lease and Transmission Network Lease certain costs of the Corporation that are associated with the operation, or the Corporation's ownership, of the Transmission Network Land and Transmission Network are able to be reimbursed from the lessee or on charged directly to the lessee.

In the unlikely event that the Corporation defaults under the transmission network lease or the transmission network land lease with respect to its legal entitlement to grant the leases, the Corporation is obliged to refund the net present value (as at the termination date) of so much of the post termination date rent obligations as were discharged by the prepaid rents. No amount has been recognised as the likelihood of the Corporation defaulting is remote.

Under the terms of the transmission network leases, where the lessee effects a discrete improvement which is outside the ordinary course of maintenance, modification, alteration or renewal, do not form part of the transmission network under a clause of the lease and is not necessary for the lessee to comply with its obligations under the lease, then that improvement will be owned by the lessee and will not form part of the assets leased under the transmission network lease. These improvements are known as non-transmission assets

These improvements are known as non-transmission assets and in the default event the lessee will be requested to provide the Corporation with a current list of non-transmission assets that it has made to the network since the commencement date of the lease.

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	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
3 Revenues from SA Government		
- Administration	150	150
Total revenues from SA Government	150	150

Total revenues from Government consists of \$150,000 for operational funding. Income from the SA Government is recognised upon receipt. For further details on the expenditure associated with the operational funding refer to notes 4 and 5.

4 Supplies and services		
- Insurance	18	16
- Management fees (SAFA)	100	100
Total supplies and services	118	116

5 Other expenses		
- Audit fees	9	11
Total other expenses	9	11

Audit fees paid / payable to the Auditor-General's Department relating to work performed under the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987 were \$8,600 (\$11,200). No other services were provided by the Auditor-General's Department.

6 Cash and cash equivalents		
- Cash	7	2
- Short-term deposits with SAFA	1,839	1,776
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,846	1,778

Cash is measured at nominal amounts. Short-term deposits are lodged with SAFA and are at-call.

7 Receivables		
Current		
- GST receivable	5	5
- Interest receivable	6	1
Total current receivables	11	5

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	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
8 Payables		
Current		
- Accrued expenses	9	11
Total current payables	9	11

9 Directors' remuneration

Members during the 2023 financial year were:

- * Timothy Paul Burfield - Chair and Non Executive Director
- * Rebecca Wigglesworth - Non Executive Director
- * Heather Elaine Watts - Non Executive Director

The number of members whose remuneration received falls within the following bands:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
\$1 - \$19,999	-	1
Total number of members	-	1

The total remuneration received by members was nil in 2023 and \$250 in 2022. Remuneration of previous members included sitting fees, superannuation contributions, salary sacrifice benefits, fringe benefits and related fringe benefits tax.

*In accordance with the Premier and Cabinet Circular no. 016, government employees did not receive any remuneration for director duties during the financial year.

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Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

10 Related party transactions

Related parties of the Corporation include all key management personnel and their close family members; all Cabinet Ministers and their close family members; and all public authorities that are controlled and consolidated into the whole of government financial statements and other interests of the Government.

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel of the Corporation include the Minister and members of the Board who have responsibility for the strategic direction and management of the Corporation.

The compensation disclosed in this note excludes salaries and other benefits the Minister receives. The Minister's remuneration and allowances are set by the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990* and the Remuneration Tribunal of SA respectively and are payable from the Consolidated Account under section 6 the *Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990*.

Remuneration of Key Management Personnel is all short term as disclosed in note 9.

Transactions of directors and director-related entities

There were no transactions between the Corporation and director-related entities.

Other Related Entities

SAFA provides management and insurance services to the Corporation. Additionally, the Corporation has dealings with other Government instrumentalities.

Controlling entity

The Corporation is a subsidiary of the Treasurer of South Australia; the Government of South Australia is the ultimate controlling party.

11 Contingent assets and liabilities

At the expiry of the finance lease, the Corporation may elect to own a non-transmission asset (refer Note 2 for description). If the Corporation elects to own a non-transmission asset, it will be transferred to the Corporation at its market value.

12 Economic dependency

The Corporation is an instrumentality of the Crown under the *Crown Proceedings Act 1992*. Accordingly where a final judgement is given against it, a Minister or agency of the Crown may be directed by the Governor to satisfy that judgement. Such a direction constitutes sufficient authority for the appropriation of the money necessary to satisfy the judgement from the General Revenue of the State of South Australia or from the funds of the Corporation. To this extent, the Corporation has the benefit of an implicit guarantee from the State.

An distribution from the Treasurer of South Australia will be available during the 2023-24 financial year, to ensure that the Corporation will be able to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due.

13 Events after balance date

No event has arisen since 30 June 2023 that would be likely to materially affect the operations or the state of affairs of the Corporation.

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CERTIFICATION OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

I certify that:

- the attached General Purpose Financial Report for Transmission Lessor Corporation:
 - is in accordance with the accounts and records of the Corporation;
 - complies with the relevant Treasurer's Instructions;
 - complies with relevant accounting standards; and
 - presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Corporation at the end of the financial year and the result of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.

- Internal controls employed by the Corporation over its financial reporting and its preparation of the financial report has been effective throughout the financial year.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Timothy Burfield
CHAIR

Dated at Adelaide this 8 day of SEPTEMBER 2023.