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**AUSTRALIAN ALUMINIUM COUNCIL RESPONSE TO:
*ACCC GUIDELINES ON THE PROHIBITING ENERGY MARKET MISCONDUCT BILL***

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the process the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) will use to consult on and produce the guidelines for the Treasury Laws Amendment (Prohibiting Energy Market Misconduct) Bill 2019.

This response is made on behalf of Australia's aluminium industry, and covers the significant electricity use and economic activity associated with aluminium smelters and alumina refineries. The Australian Aluminium Council [the Council] supports processes which will lead to greater competition in the electricity market, while still ensuring stability of supply, leading to downward pressure on prices.

The Council welcomes the multistage process outlined by the ACCC, including opportunities for market participants to attend forums and make submissions on the draft guidelines in 2020. The Council does not have any particular views that we wish to raise at this point in the consultation process on issues outlined in Attachment A, however given the importance of electricity use in the alumina and aluminium industries, looks forward to the opportunity to continue to engage in more detail in 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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