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To whom it may concern

Re: Letter of Support – AusNet Revised Regulatory Proposal 2026–2031 BN11 Express Feeder Upgrade

I am pleased to offer this letter of support to Strathbogie Shire Council in their submission to AusNet Services Determination 2026–31.

AusNet's proposal identifies Euroa's acute reliability issues on the BN11 feeder between Euroa and Benalla, which provides power to around 4,800 customers. According to AusNet, the BN11 experienced approximately 76 unplanned sustained outages in 2025.

Constituents from Euroa regularly contact me about power outages, energy insecurity and the stress this causes particularly to vulnerable and elderly community members and local businesses.

The recent Longwood bushfire in Victoria significantly impacted areas of Strathbogie Shire, including large areas that were without power for days. Strathbogie Shire Council established a Bushfire Information and Relief Centre in Euroa to support bushfire affected community members. Reliable power is essential to providing this service.

The township of Euroa, and the BN11 feeder line, were not directly impacted by the fire however Euroa still faced power outages. Constituents from Euroa have told me of the distress caused by power outages in extreme heat during the bushfire.

Regional, edge-of-grid towns like Euroa deserve reliable and secure power supply.

I am happy to support Strathbogie Shire Council's submission and urge the AER to upgrade the BN11 feeder line as in AusNet's Revised Regulatory Proposal 2026-2031.

Yours sincerely

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