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Response to Powercor Revised Proposal 2021-2026: Request to upgrade Tyrendarra, Strathdownie Cape Bridgewater and Gorae West to three-phase power

Dear Ms Kami Kaur,

We are lending support to the proposal to upgrade the SWER line infrastructure in Tyrendarra, Strathdownie, Cape Bridgewater and Gorae West in South West Victoria. Our business is not located in this area however the availability of three-phase power north of Tyrendarra was a huge contributing factor in enabling us to convert a 341 Ha sheep property at Branxholme to a 600 cow dairy operation in 2000.

The establishment of a rotary dairy and centre pivot irrigators using three-phase power formed the foundation our operation. Further land purchase, farm development and irrigation expansion has seen the enterprise develop into a 1200 cow dairy operation providing employment for 10 staff all of whom are residents at the local community. Prior to our establishing this dairy operation only 1 staff member was employed on the original property.

Our enterprise also provides employment to numerous contractors, electricians, plumbers, agronomists, farm advisors, builders, irrigation service providers, insurance agents, diesel mechanics, bike repairers, dairy plant servicers, chemical representatives, shed constructors, water tank installers to name a few.

The staff members and contractors live locally and spend locally, contributing to the network of the community with family members also working locally and children attending local schools.

South West Victoria is recognised for its contribution to Victoria's GDP which could be expanded exponentially with the upgrades of SWER lint in the aforementioned regions to three-phase power. The development and expansion of our business is testament to what can be achieved if vital infrastructure is provided.

Build the three-phase power infrastructure and current businesses and new enterprises will seize the opportunity to expand, develop and establish themselves providing even greater contribution to Victoria's economy.

The establishment of this vital infrastructure project is more important and obvious now with the advent of COVID which has seen decentralisation of businesses and people who are seeking new

environments and business opportunities. Provide them with this vital resource, three-phase power, and they will come.

Furthermore, this three-phase power proposal should be enacted as a cooperative, collaboration involving the power supply companies and those building the infrastructure. "User Pays" will not entice economic expansion and attract new businesses they will need to be encouraged. Therefore, full government cooperation will be required to back this proposal to ensure economic prosperity for South West Victoria and Victoria.

We urge you to give impetus to this proposal to expand three-phase power infrastructure to Tyrendarra, Strathdownie, Cape Bridgewater and Gorae West in South West Victoria so as to strengthen the local economy allowing existing and future businesses to invest, build strong viable business operations to ensure a strong community structure and employment opportunities which will ultimately benefit all Victorians.

Regards,

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Allan Campbell
South West Dairy Farmer