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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

The purpose of this letter is to express support on behalf of Corangamite Shire for upgrading single phase power to three phase infrastructure in the Tyrendarra area of South West Victoria. To achieve our regions' goals of renewable energy and water sustainability leadership, as well as to maintain and enhance our position as a world class tourism destination and Victoria's largest food and fibre producer, we need infrastructure that supports innovation and business growth.

Business beyond the 1000-plus directly benefiting from the upgrade will be more resilient to economic shocks such as the pandemic and climate change events. If delivered, the upgrade will allow businesses and individuals to unlock new industry growth opportunities and improve macro-economic outcomes by increasing access to jobs and upskilling and provide infrastructure that enables investment to reduce the cost of energy long-term. In the same vein, the community, sporting and education users of this network will have an enhanced capacity to deliver positive social outcomes.

The Great South Coast is a leader in renewable energy. Our region includes renewable energy projects worth multiple billions and we are building on our early adoption of renewable energy (with some of Victoria's first wind farms located in the region) with a purposeful intent to embrace renewable technology adoption further. We recognise clean energy is a pathway for energy cost-savings and long-term environmental sustainability, whilst enhancing our ability to innovate and compete as a high-tech food and fibre sector with global reach. As a result, numerous high-value renewables projects are in various stages of planning and development across the region.

We urge you to empower Victoria's Great South Coast businesses, residents and wider community to invest, build resilience and sustainability, and take advantage of opportunities to strengthen supply chains and local manufacturing.

Yours sincerely,



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