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Dear Ms Groves *Michelle*

**F-FACTOR SCHEME DETERMINATION FOR VICTORIA ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION NETWORK SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Thank you for your letter dated 5 October 2011 regarding the F-Factor scheme determination for Victoria Electricity Distribution Network Service Providers.

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) does not have specific comments on the draft determination. It welcomes and supports schemes that encourage electricity distribution network service providers to reduce the risk of fire starts and the risk of loss or damage caused by fires.

DSE will continue to provide information held corporately to support this initiative and will work with committees such as the Electric Line Clearance Consultative Committee to further reduce the occurrence of fires contributed by electricity distribution networks.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Andrew Bennet, Senior Project Officer, Fire Division, on 9637 8256 or [andrew.bennet@dse.vic.gov.au](mailto:andrew.bennet@dse.vic.gov.au).

Thank you again for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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