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Member for South West Coast

Mr Tim Rourke,
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Dear Mr Rourke,

I write to inform you of my support as the Member of Parliament for South West Coast for Powercor's planned upgrade of power infrastructure to communities within my electorate including Tyrendarra, Gorae West and Cape Bridgewater.

This is a critical project and one I have been in support of for the four years I have been a Member of Parliament.

It is my opinion an upgrade of this kind would unlock a significant amount of new investment in the agriculture sector and allow for significant economic growth for the south-west region.

I have met with local dairy farmers and other businesses including a manufacturing firm who were limited by when and how they could do business with their current power supply arrangements. These businesses are being forced to turn away work and have flagged with me the possible relocation to other centres because of these constraints.

In terms of dairy production, the energy supply situation has limited the scope for these businesses to expand, unless they install expensive generator systems. This in turn has limited the prospect of increased jobs in the sector in this region.

This project has been a priority project of a number of key advocacy groups in my region, including the United Dairy Farmers of Victoria Wannon Branch, The Great South Coast Group and the Great South Coast Food and Fibre Council.

I give my unequivocal support for these upgrades and am excited by the economic activity they will unlock in the south-west of the state.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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