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Mr Sebastian Roberts
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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Dear Mr Roberts

MURRAYLINK UNDERGROUND ELECTRICITY INTERCONNECTOR

I write in support of the Murraylink Underground Electricity Interconnector between Red Cliffs (Victoria) and Berri (SA).

Mildura Rural City Council has always commended the Murraylink developers for taking the decision to place Murraylink underground for the entire 176km route, thereby ensuring there is no visual or adverse impact on local communities and the environment.

Had the Murraylink project been implemented using an overhead cable transmission option, we believe there would have been significant issues with the general community, town planning and environmental approvals in relation to traversing the Murray Sunset National Park en-route to South Australia. As it was, the only public opposition to the proposal was in relation to the Red Cliffs converter plant being located in close proximity to residential buildings.

If the proposal was being considered today, the level of public interest would be high as is the case with other proposals such as the Bass Link proposal.

Furthermore, an above ground proposal may today require an Environmental Effects Statement from the Victorian Government.

Should you require any further information in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on ☎ 5018 8401.

Yours faithfully

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