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Renate Vogt
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Dear Ms Vogt,

RE: POWERCOR ENABLING RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR REGULATORY PROPOSAL

As CEO of G21 - Geelong Region Alliance, I am very pleased to provide a letter of support for Powercor's Residential Rooftop Solar Regulatory proposal.

The G21 - Geelong Region Alliance (G21) was established in 2002 by five Geelong region municipalities (Geelong, Queenscliffe, Surf Coast, Golden Plains and Colac Otway) with the support of the Victorian Government and a wide range of local organisations. Membership now spans all three levels of government, non-government organisations, businesses and community groups.

Under the G21 - Geelong Region Alliance we have brought together our region's leaders to develop a regional plan, determine regional priority projects and advocate for their implementation. We represent the voice of the G21 region and have a formal role in advising the State and Federal Governments on regional issues and priorities.

G21's strategic plan, *The Geelong Region Plan: a sustainable growth strategy*, includes key directions including:

- Protect and enhance our environment
- Create sustainable settlements
- Strengthen our communities.

Addressing climate change is fundamental to the future of the G21 region and identifying alternative sources of energy is essential.

It has been pleasing to see the take up of solar energy by many of our region's residents. However, in some areas our residents face significant limitations by the electricity grid when they choose to install rooftop solar.

Unfortunately due to the network constraints people in those areas either cannot install a solar system at all, or they experience sudden and frequent disruptions in their solar system's performance.

It is important that this issue is addressed as currently less renewable energy is being generated and more greenhouse emissions are being created in our region as a result.

I am pleased to see that Powercor, under their Enabling Residential Rooftop Solar Regulatory proposal, intends to unlock 95% of the rooftop solar capacity in their network that would otherwise be constrained.

G21 is pleased to support this proposal as it will assist greater access to renewable energy using rooftop solar systems for our region's residents.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Carbines
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



G21 is the formal alliance of the government, business and community organisations, working together to improve people's lives in the Geelong region.