



Our Goal - "To grow the value and capacity of the GSC Food and Fibre Industry"

Tuesday 21st January 2020

Mr Tim Rourke
CEO
Powercor
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Dear Tim,

Re: Support of Powercor's proposed upgrade to 3-phase power in the Great South Coast region

On behalf of Food & Fibre - Great South Coast Inc. I write to show our full support of the proposed upgrade of the current single-phase electricity network to three phase power in Tyrendarra, Strathdownie, Cape Bridgewater and Gorae West in Western Victoria.

We are aware that this proposal will act as a framework for similar upgrades to support other regional towns and industries in the Great South Coast, and as such goes beyond just improving infrastructure for dairy farms in these four towns. These upgrades are vital to build energy resilience in our rural communities. They will deliver millions of dollars in benefits, supporting farmers to increase milk production, reduce their cost of production, increase confidence in the farming sector and assist farming operations stay in business.

I look forward to working with you further to ensure these upgrades become a reality.

Yours sincerely,

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