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We write in support of Australian Gas Networks to develop a high-pressured pipeline extension from Murray Bridge, connecting Mount Barker and the surrounding districts with natural gas and associated reticulation works. We have long reviewed the options for gas and we are delighted that this now seems a viable opportunity.

Mount Barker is one of the fastest growing regions in South Australia. It has been designated as a growth zone by the State Government as the population is expected to increase by two thirds over the next 20 years. Mount Barker is fast becoming the district centre of the whole of the South-East region of the Adelaide Hills and Fleurieu Peninsula. The population and employment opportunities are growing at a rapid rate, in our view it is important for its success that services that are taken for granted in the metropolitan area are available in Mount Barker. We believe access to natural gas is one of these.

The financial benefits identified in the AGN report are significant and provide a further economic boost in the region. This will encourage further growth and development enhancing the liveability in the region. The environmental benefits are also considerable and will enhance the contribution that the region makes to sustainable living.

This proposal has widespread support throughout the community and we wish it every success.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Lee



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