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Australian Energy Regulator
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Support of the proposed power regional upgrade of in South West Victoria.

I write to provide support in relation to Powercor's 2021-2026 revised proposal, and specifically the opportunity to conduct a regional upgrade in South West Victoria to provide three phase power to the Tyrendarra area and surrounds

The upgrade of power in this region is critical to the ongoing regional growth in terms of job creation and sustainable rural communities. With a power upgrade in this area of the region it would directly impact over 1000 Powercor customers including agricultural clients, manufacturing, and many various businesses along with residents of this community.

The Great South Coast region is the largest food and fibre region in Victoria producing \$2.3 billion in agricultural output annually. The food and fibre industry accounts for 60% of the regions GDP and 21.6% of total jobs. The population of the region is in excess of 103,000 and there is approx.. 11,000 businesses operating herein.

Having reliable and continued access to power is critical in optimising resources and unlocking opportunities to grow the value and capacity of the region.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this support if you wish to discuss or clarify any of the content herein.

Kind regards

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