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**Response to Powercor Revised Proposal 2021-2026: Request to upgrade Tyrendarra, Strathdownie
Cape Bridgewater and Gorae West to three-phase power**

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for upgrading single phase power to three phase infrastructure in South West Victoria.

My name is Shaun Miller, and I am writing to request your support in an individual capacity. Although currently Head of Partnerships with Acusensus Limited (a road safety technology company), I have been directly involved in supporting the food and fibre industry in the Great South Coast in my previous time working as manager of economic development in the area.

The upgrade to Tyrendarra, Strathdownie Cape Bridgewater and Gorae West has been called for by members of our community over a period spanning six years. Upgrading less than 100kms of single phase line directly supplying 1,130 customers in the region is essential to capitalise on the Great South Coast's competitive advantages for economic growth and to unlock downstream economic and social value.

Specifically, this investment will create:

- economic growth and scaling up of key industries such as food and fibre, which drives 60 percent of the regional economy,
- infrastructure to support significant investment in renewables, irrigation, high tech applications and machinery, the Internet of Things and smart farming,
- new jobs, upskilling, better servicing of customers through improved turnaround times, and enhanced function of social, education and community facilities, and

Thank you for your consideration. In closing, I urge you to proceed with this upgrade to enable South West Victoria's businesses, residents and wider community to invest, build resilience and sustainability, and take advantage of opportunities to strengthen supply chains and local manufacturing.

Yours sincerely,



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