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To Whom it May Concern

Re: District Council of Tumby Bay – Response to AER Draft Decision

This letter is a submission to the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) draft determination on SA Power Networks request to include the "Harden the Network" program and the "Low Reliability Feeder Program" in the 2020-2025 program.

The District Council of Tumby is fully supportive of the inclusion of those programs and requests the AER to reconsider the decision to exclude them in the draft decision.

The Council is fully supportive of the implementation of a more reliable electricity supply, especially to those communities subject to SWER lines. This supply is unreliable and unsafe for those customers subject to the ineffectiveness of the lines. The lines are no longer coping with demands with vulnerable and isolated households and communities being adversely affected.

The cost per household versus the benefit should be enough justification to include these programs in the 2020-2025 work program. The standard of supply to these rural and remote areas would not be tolerated in metropolitan areas and should not be acceptable for these customers having to suffer through numerous outages and risk of other events such as bushfires.

Should you require further information regarding this support please contact me on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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