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Mr Sebastian Roberts
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Dear Mr Roberts

Letter of support for AER submission

I wish to offer Council's full support for the Australian Energy Regulatory proposal submitted by SA Power Networks to address the remediation of Yorke Peninsula's "two of the top ten worst performing powerlines in the state" at Warrenben and Curramulka East.

Both of these locations are contained within our Council region and bypassing regional communities for essential services such as reliable electricity supply can no longer be tolerated in the 21st Century. Warrenben has been identified as 6th and Curramulka East 9th, two of the top ten worst performing powerlines in the state. Warrenben located within the southern part of our Council region experiences 7.4 times the regional outage target of 260mins, whilst Curramulka East in the centre of our Council region experiences 6.0 times the regional outage target of 260 mins.

For families and the elderly in these already remote regional locations, having to contend with electricity outages of this magnitude, affecting everything that we have come to expect from refrigeration to heating/cooling, food preparation and making a simple cup of tea become virtually impossible without a reliable electricity supply.

Council fully supports any strategies that can improve provision of services, community capacity and improvements to health and well being and provide direct benefits to our regional communities. I am convinced that no urban centre would accept such sub standard service provision and nor should we expect regional communities to either. It is for these reasons SA Power Networks should be provided with the resources, both financial and human to address these inconsistencies and bring these two locations into the 21st century with reliable electricity infrastructure.

I look forward to hearing of the success of SA Power Networks submission in the very near future.

Yours sincerely

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