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Dear Mr and Mrs Christian

Thank you for your email of 27 July 2011 about the Springdale to Blackwall transmission line project.

The Queensland Government remains committed to ensuring that all Queenslanders are provided with peace of mind when it comes to their safety and that of their families. Please be assured that if there is any suggestion of danger, the Queensland Government will not hesitate to act.

I understand you have also written to the Honourable Stephen Robertson MP, Minister for Energy and Water Utilities, and that Minister Robertson has responded to you.

As the Minister explains in his response, Powerlink is required to comply with the relevant guidelines to ensure their equipment makes minimal contribution to electromagnetic field exposures to local residences, schools and other buildings where people congregate and work.

I have been informed that Powerlink intends to request Ministerial community infrastructure designation of the land required for this project under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (the Act). When deciding whether or not to make a community infrastructure designation, the Minister is required to consider a number of matters set down in the Act. These include being satisfied that adequate environmental assessment and public consultation has occurred. The Minister must also ensure that Powerlink has taken adequate account of issues raised during the consultation process.

Thank you again for taking the time to raise your concerns with me.

Yours sincerely

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