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***EYRE PENINSULA LOCAL GOVT ASSOCIATION***

Mr Warwick Anderson,

General Manager,

Network Regulation,

AUSTRALIAN ENERGY REGULATOR,

GPO Box 3131,

ACT 2601.

Dear Mr Anderson,

**Re ELECTRANET PROPOSAL 2013-2018**

Some time ago, our Councils requested from Electranet a presentation in relation to planned transmission upgrades to Eyre Peninsula. The joint issues of water security and energy security are at the forefront of any discussions about planned expansion for Eyre Peninsula and these will be key issues in relation to benefiting from the economic expansion possible under mining.

Not only is it the key to expanded opportunity, but several of our towns are already constrained by limited access to power. We know that much of our system is already close to capacity.

Scott Haynes and Joshua Zugajev (Electranet) spoke about the future plans for replacing and upgrading the existing 132KV line that forms the backbone of our Eyre Peninsula transmission system. Scott explained the extensive community consultation that was already occurring in relation to the planned infrastructure route and it is likely that it will pretty much follow the existing line. Councils are only too aware of the need for development scrutiny of infrastructure projects to ensure the best outcomes on a number of levels, including environmental, although, like many forms of major development, it is unrealistic to expect no environmental impacts. The fact remains that such an upgrade is deemed essential for residents of EP.

The Councils were very impressed with the extent of the consultation that is occurring with individual landowners and this was strongly applauded by the senior reps from Planning SA (now part of Department of Planning, Transport and infrastructure) who confirmed that the work processes of Electranet were strong on issues of engagement. It was coincidental that the officers were present at our meeting.

Our Members unanimously endorsed a motion that adds our voice to any future transmission upgrades for EP sought by Electranet and supports any expedience in the process that enables the upgrade to proceed. We commend Electranet’s extensive consultation with our communities

and are satisfied that their corporate governance in relation to this project seems very sound. It is our belief that Electranet will be “project ready” and we would fully support their transmission proposal.

Yours faithfully,



Diana Laube

11th December 2012.