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Mr Warwick Anderson  
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Dear Mr Anderson

**RE: AER DRAFT DETERMINATION ON 2014-19 REGULATORY PERIOD –  
ESSENTIAL ENERGY**

We refer to the Australian Energy Regulator's (AER) draft determination on Essential energy's revenue, capital and operating budgets for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019.

It has been brought to our attention that the AER's proposal includes a reduction of more than 40% in Essential Energy's capital expenditure which will result in the loss of 1,503 jobs, reduced customer service levels, declining network reliability and longer power supply interruptions.

In the event that the AER proposal comes to fruition, the detriment to the Goondiwindi Regional Council area will be significant. Not only will the loss of jobs have an effect on the economic and social wellbeing of the community, the loss of services will have severe consequences for our rural and town residents.

We ask that you consider the impact of your proposal on our community.

Thank you for consideration.

Yours faithfully



Mr Carl Manton  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**