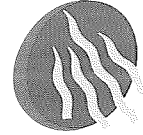




Hon Stephen Robertson MP
Member for Stretton



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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 10 June 2010, forwarding petition number 1469-10 on the subject of "Proposed overhead powerlines from Alpha Avenue Currumbin to Tugun" which is part of the Mudgeeraba to Tugun network upgrade project (the project). I have considered the petition carefully and am pleased to provide my response.

ENERGEX is currently developing an Initial Assessment Report (IAR) for the project and following release of the IAR there will be an opportunity for the community and stakeholders to provide written submissions to ENERGEX regarding the project. A finalised IAR will then be prepared incorporating stakeholder and community feedback and ENERGEX must then provide another opportunity for submissions to be made prior to the release of the Final Assessment Report.

Apart from finalisation of the Assessment Report, there are other processes to be completed before final determinations regarding this project are made.

ENERGEX has indicated that it intends to request Ministerial community infrastructure designation under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (the Act) for the corridor of land required for this project. When deciding whether or not to make a community infrastructure designation, a Minister must consider a number of matters set down in the Act, including the public benefit test set out in Section 201 of the Act, and whether environmental and public consultation has been carried out. The Minister must also consider the issues raised in submissions made to ENERGEX during the consultation process and the account taken of those issues.

I therefore encourage residents and stakeholders in the area to participate in the consultation process and to provide their written submissions to ENERGEX directly.

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Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Ms Sarah Breuer, Project Officer, Energy Sector Monitoring of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 3224 6110.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Karen Struthers".

KAREN STRUTHERS MP
Acting Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
and Acting Minister for Trade