



Hon Stephen Robertson MP
Member for Stretton



**Queensland
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**Minister for Energy and
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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Cnr George and Alice Streets
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 14 October 2011 forwarding petition number 1785-11. I have considered the petition carefully and am pleased to provide my response.

I note the petition requests that ENERGEX Limited (ENERGEX) be directed not to proceed with the construction of a proposed 110 kilovolt powerline from Loganlea to Jimboomba, through the Camp Cable Road area. The petitioners have requested that ENERGEX re-evaluate the proposal to achieve lower community and environmental impacts by co-locating the line within road reserves.

ENERGEX has requested that the land required for this project be designated for community infrastructure. Ministerial designation of land is a statutory process under the provisions of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*. When making a decision regarding ENERGEX's request, as Minister, I am required to consider a range of matters set down in the Act. This includes being satisfied that adequate environmental assessment has been carried out, that adequate public consultation has occurred and that adequate account has been taken of issues raised during the public consultation process.

The issues raised in the petition have also been raised in submissions made during the public consultation. When deciding whether or not to make the designation, I will consider all issues raised in submissions to ENERGEX and its consultants during this process, together with ENERGEX's responses to those issues.

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I have also undertaken to consider, as an additional submission, a report commissioned by the Logan City Council (the Cardno report), together with ENERGEX's response to this report. The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation has engaged a consultant with the necessary technical expertise to review the differing information in these documents and provide an independent report to inform my decision regarding designation of the land.

Opportunities have been provided for Logan City Council, the community group VETO (Veto ENERGEX Towers Organisation), and ENERGEX to present their views to the independent consultant, both individually and in a group meeting.

Any questions about this response can be referred to Ms Phyllis Davey, Principal Project Officer, Energy Sector Monitoring of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, who will be pleased to assist and can be contacted on telephone 3239 0038.

Yours sincerely



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