



Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade

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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 27 October 2010 forwarding petitions numbered 1546-10 and 1547-10. I have considered the petitions carefully and am pleased to provide my response.

I note that the petitions request ENERGEX Limited (ENERGEX) be directed not to proceed with its proposed plans for a 110 kilovolt powerline from Loganlea to Jimboomba.

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 consultation process.

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

If you have any questions about my advice to you, Ms Jillian Langford, Senior 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 3239 0046.

Yours sincerely

STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP