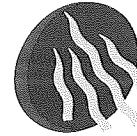




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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 2 September 2010, forwarding petition number 1459-10 on the subject of "Instruct Energex to place proposed high voltage overhead powerlines underground". I have considered the petition carefully and am pleased to provide my response.

ENERGEX Limited (ENERGEX) has requested that the land required for the proposal in question, the SunCoast Power Project, be designated for community infrastructure. Ministerial designation of land is made under the provisions of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (the Act). 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.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Ms Elizabeth McConaghy, 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 3405 6143.

Yours sincerely

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