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Company Secretary
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Dear Paul,

Re: Mondo to Develop Major Transmission Upgrade for Western Victoria

Moorabool Shire Council (Council) acknowledges that Mondo, the commercial division of the AusNet Services Group, has been awarded the contract to build, own and operate the contestable assets for the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project (WVTNP).

As I am sure you are aware, the proposed 500kV transmission line from Sydenham terminal station to the new North Ballarat terminal station traverses the length of Moorabool Shire. While Council is conscious of the importance of the project for Victoria's energy future, the potential impact to the Moorabool community requires careful consideration and mitigation.

To provide an understanding of the context of Moorabool Shire and the community within, Council provided two submissions to Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) during the consultation phase of the WestVicRiT-T (attached). These were received and acknowledged, with the understanding the information would be taken into account when awarding the contract. However, the biggest concern is we are yet to be provided an investigation corridor within the Shire.

As a key stakeholder, Council requests that the corridor that will be used for the basis of stakeholder and community engagement and planning and approvals, is provided for consideration prior to broader consultation or investigations initiating. Without this information Council is blind to the true opportunities and constraints that this project may provide.

We look forward to working collaboratively with you throughout this project and anticipate meeting with you as a priority in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Derek Madden
Chief Executive Officer