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Dear Niluksha,

**RE: WESTERN VICTORIA'S REGULATORY INVESTMENT TEST FOR TRANSMISSION
PROJECT ASSESSMENT DEVELOPMENT REPORT
ARARAT RURAL CITY COUNCIL SUBMISSION**

Ararat Rural City Council has been a long standing supporter of renewable energy as early adopters of wind energy at Chalicum Hills which was strongly supported by our community. Since this time we have seen increasing stimulation of employment and economic growth in the region and have continued to support the development of new windfarms and increased renewable opportunities.

The capability to generate renewable energy in Western Victoria continues to increase however current grid capacity restricts the region from being able to fully unlock its potential.

Western Victoria is a rich resource for wind and solar energies but this limited capacity weakens our ability to realise our full economic potential and broader regional development opportunities.

Ararat Rural City Council strongly supports the Australian Energy Market Operation's (AEMO) proposal to assess the technical feasibility and economic benefits of improving transmission capacity in Western Victoria and is committed to actively working with stakeholders on future generation projects in the region.

We believe that new transmission lines, a new terminal station and upgrades to existing infrastructure will be the key to unlocking our future growth potential and look forward to working with AEMO to drive this project to fruition.

Yours sincerely,

DR TIM HARRISON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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