EYRE PENINSULA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY OPTIONS
PROJECT ASSESSMENT CONCLUSIONS REPORT

Public forum summary – 31 October 2018

Attendees:

- Eric Britten – EP Civil
- Tony Irvine, CEO, EP Local Government Association
- Brad Riddle, Deputy CEO, Regional Development Australia, Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula
- Bruce Agars, Lock's Well
- Jacob Cherian, Ausker Group
- Brad Flaherty, bnj consultants (now Mayor of Port Lincoln)
- Ross Kassebaum, Energy Security for South Australia Working Party
- Steve Sawyer, Energy Security for South Australia Working Party (ESSAWP)
- Peter Knife
- Mac Redfern, Ausker Group
- Peter Wilkins, EP NRM
- Hagan Zerk, Landholder close to Port Lincoln substation
- Bruce Green, Port Lincoln Mayor (not standing in upcoming election)

ElectraNet representatives:

- Rainer Korte – Executive Manager Asset Management
- Brad Parker – Principal Engineer Power System Planning
- Angela Faulkner – Stakeholder Relations Advisor
- Matthew Peake – Senior Public Relations and Comms Advisor

Feedback:

- General support and hope for the project progressing.

- Reliability is very important to the Port Lincoln community – fears about a catastrophic failure lasting 3-5 days again.

- Generally a positive feeling about no longer needing to rely on the existing Pt Lincoln generators for supply during line outages.

- A desire was expressed for ElectraNet to put in place an emergency response plan to manage any potential lengthy outage of transmission line supply to Pt Lincoln once the Network Support Arrangement with the existing Pt Lincoln generators expires (after construction of the new double circuit transmission line supply).
• Some stated they would have preferred the solution in the draft report but can live with the final preferred option (expressed most strongly by representatives of the ESSAWP and Ausker)

• Ausker representatives shared that they had contracted consultants who have completed a study and found the region just south of Elliston has the best wind generation potential on mainland Australia.

• Ausker noted that the conclusions report has downgraded wind quality on the West Coast of the Eyre Peninsula. ElectraNet response: the conclusions report doesn’t downgrade the quality of wind on the Eyre Peninsula, but does recognise that equally good resources are available elsewhere, e.g. in the Mid North of SA.

• Representative of ESSAWP asked whether massive development of the electricity network to unlock huge renewable energy resources on EP would not significantly drive down wholesale energy prices in SA. ElectraNet response: massive development of renewable energy in other locations in SA would have a similar effect, without requiring a multi-billion dollar network investment to unlock the renewable resources.

• Attendees expressed frustration about the extent of regulatory hurdles ElectraNet is required to get over and the time it takes to get important projects like this going.

• Some specific questions were asked about compensation payments to secure the final easement sections – particularly close to Port Lincoln.

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