

# *The Office of the Mayor*



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The Directors  
Yarrabee Holding Co Pty Ltd as trustee for the Yarrabee Holding Trust  
Level 29, Rialto South Tower  
525 Collins Street  
Melbourne, VIC 3000

Attention Mr Tony Concannon

Dear Tony,

## Transmission Network Stability in South-Western NSW

The Narrandera Shire Council (**Council**) wishes to provide its ongoing support to Reach Solar energy (**Reach**) in its endeavours to develop the 900MWac Yarrabee Solar project. Council has supported this development from its beginning and see it providing both direct and indirect benefits via local employment and engagement with businesses throughout the region.

We wish to offer our support to Reach in its response to the RIT-T process being undertaken by Transgrid for the stabilisation of the transmission network between the existing substations at Darlington Point and Wagga Wagga.

This new transmission facility, whilst being beneficial for the Yarrabee project, will also create the stimulus for the ongoing development of renewable energy projects in the Region offering local farmers the opportunity to diversify their income e.g. land rent, and increase community benefits to the townships within the Riverina District. Further, with the proposed transmission facility being located in a designated renewable energy zone, by following the existing transmission line corridor (i.e. Line 63), substantial additional land easements should not be required, and as a such, no additional impact on existing agricultural operations should result.

Council is also aware of the current operational constraints on the existing transmission line, and that the expansion of the transmission as proposed will provide the ability to export more renewable energy to the east coast. This would allow the Riverina District to materially contribute to electricity generation in preparation for the exit of coal from the current NEM.

We wish you well in your submission and the ensuing development of the Yarrabee Solar project.

Yours sincere



Cr Neville Kschenka  
**Mayor**

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