

Economic Regulation Authority
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Dear Sir

Re: Mid West Energy Project (South Section)

Although the Draft Determination on the New Facilities Investment Test Application for the Mid West Energy Project (Southern Section) report provides some concern about the number of projects in the Midwest that are yet to receive full financial commitment for proposed operations, the report does not provide the levels of investment and loads that would be considered required to allow the MWEP to move ahead, leaving everyone guess if the project will actually go ahead.

This leaves mining investors who require certainty of power supply to consider the development of their own power supply in isolation, as this is a matter they can control through their own financial capabilities.

Without the provision on a full supported government integrated system, this will lead fragmentation of the opportunities and isolated power supply operations, with minimal community benefits and opportunity for complementary growth and investment.

It seems incredulous that the ERA has examined the project in detail and has failed to deliver a matrix of supply and demand requirements that Western Power require to receive the approval for the project to proceed. Having a clear understanding from ERA on the acceptable project requirements will allow all parties considering investment in the region to make commitments as required.

At this point in time, it would appear the only certainty being provided to stakeholders is that the project will not proceed.

Your urgent attention to delivering your analysis of requirements for approval is requested.

Regards

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