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**The Western Australian
Farmers Federation (Inc.)**

Mr Lyndon Rowe
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By Facsimile: 9213 1999

Dear Mr Rowe

Re: Eneabba to Moonyoorooka transmission line

Further to your meeting with WAFarmers representatives Steve Dilley and Andy McMillan on 31st July 2007, I have been advised that Western Power have lodged their application to construct the transmission line with the ERA for regulatory testing.

As requested by Messrs Dilley and McMillan and more recently by members of the Mid West Power-line Action Group, I request that you call for public comment on the application.

WAFarmers has serious concerns at the impact this transmission line will have on the future viability and livelihoods of the farmers whose properties are located on Western Power's preferred route. It is believed that a more direct route has not been considered because it will traverse Government owned land and the environmental approval process will be more expensive and time consuming than their preferred route.

This is a totally unsatisfactory situation and as you are aware, the consultation process with landowners has not been completely transparent, particularly in the early stages.

I look forward to your favourable consideration of this request. In the interim, should you wish to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Trevor De Landgraft
President