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Inquiry into the Funding Arrangements of Horizon Power
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Dear Sir/Madam

SUBMISSION TO THE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS OF HORIZON POWER

The Shire of Broome's preference is to see Horizon Power's funding continue at an adequate level to ensure it is able to service the Shire of Broome and its community's needs and deliver reliable and safe power supplies.

The Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) is encouraged strongly to consider the benefit of having regional offices open to the public, to bridge the tyranny of distance on service delivery, for such a fundamental utility.

A localised office, that is able to respond quickly with local knowledge and staff, continually proves advantageous to our organisation in resolving issues and managing our growth.

The Shire of Broome is experiencing a period of massive growth which is expected to extend into the next 30 to 40 years and is under sustained pressure. Major local projects include:


- Landcorp's Broome North residential subdivision; 4,800 new residential lots, including new schools and associated commercial and industrial land.
- Private residential subdivision; 1,200 new residential lots, including the development of property for tourism infrastructure and associated commercial and industrial subdivision.
- Proposed Browse Liquefied Natural Gas Hub at James Price Point (approx 60 km north of Broome).
- Development of new regional waste facility north of Broome.
- Relocation of Broome Speedway to new motoplex site north of Broome.
- Relocation of airport to site north of Broome.

In addition to the above there are also significant projects occurring in other major Kimberley centres, ie Ord Stage II in the East Kimberley, and the Derby Regional Prison Project and Curtin Detention Centre.

The efficiency of our Emergency Management systems, with cyclones and other extremes of weather is enhanced by local expertise, as are our endeavours to increase opportunities to partner with the future undergrounding of potential sites, to again enhance the reliability of our supply.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Naylor', written over the typed name below.

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