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Dear Mr Pullella

SUBMISSION - MATTERS RELATING TO WESTERN POWER'S REVISED PROPOSED ACCESS ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SOUTH WEST INTERCONNECTED NETWORK

Officers from the Shire of Busselton have considered the Western Power's Revised Proposed Access Arrangement for the South West Interconnected Network. Unfortunately due to workload and time pressures, this consideration was somewhat cursory and the response lacks detail. Importantly however, the points will be registered and taken into consideration.

All quotes provided should be transparent and meaningful in their costing detail.

There needs to be a customer service charter with reasonable response times from WP including quotes.

Headworks charges on a catchment basis should cover the upgrade of generation capacity for that catchment.

The (now defunct) Contributory Extension Scheme should be re-instigated to promote development where the market somewhat fails and the administration costs, (believed to be the reason for it being discontinued), be accurately and fairly costed and included in the overall cost calculation.

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Perhaps Western Power as the retailer should not be the agency responsible for placing subdivision conditions (requiring connection to WP) as it has a clear conflict of interest.

Local Government to be kept informed of the capacity levels for power in their district which can assist land use planning for the future.

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