

Mr Robert Pullella  
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Dear Mr Pullella

**Re: Western Power's Revised Proposed Access Arrangement for the South  
West Interconnected Network**

Council seeks to make a formal submission in regards to Western Power's Revised Proposed Access Arrangement for the South West Interconnected Network and make comment on the limited timeframe to consider identified Matters Relating to Western Power's Review process.

1. Treatment of Capital Contributions – Council objects to the proposal of a Developer or the Local Government contributing to the required and identified Infrastructure Upgrade and/or connection to the Interconnected Network. The proposed User Pays Principal will “stifle development” opportunities in rural communities and will add unnecessary cost to the already high headworks charges being imposed or proposed to be imposed upon the Community. Increased Tariffs is not a major issue it is the “commercial business dividend” being paid to the State Government that needs to be considered. Electricity is an essential community need and is after all a community funded asset.
2. Community Service Obligations - Western Power needs to be mindful of its Community Service Obligations as well as of its Universal Community Obligations, however, the general community should not be penalized for inadequate planning and/or attention by Western Power in earlier years of being a responsible Community Funded organization to provide our community with a basic and essential service.
3. Summary – the Community should not be burdened with poor planning and commitment by the authorized organization some years ago for today's need.

Thank you for your kind consideration towards our brief individual submission and the Shire of Kellerberrin supports the submission forwarded by the Western Australian Local Government Association in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive Officer**