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Dear Minister D' Ambrosio

Opposition to Proposed Renewable Energy Zone

On behalf of Northern Grampians Shire Council, I write to formally advise that at its meeting on the 21 July 2025, Council resolved to oppose the Victorian Transmission Plan's (VTP) proposed Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) within the Northern Grampians Shire.

Council passed the following resolution:

That Council opposes the introduction of the proposed Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) in the Northern Grampians Shire region and will continue to:

- a) Advocate against the introduction of a Renewable Energy Zone in its current form, which encompasses extensive areas of prime farming land and*
- b) Advocates for the rights of occupants to be in charge of their own destiny.*

Further to our previous submission to the draft VTP dated 24 June 2025, which outlined our concerns regarding the substantial impacts on agriculture, community wellbeing, and local housing pressures, we respectfully request that our position be carefully considered during your deliberations prior to finalising the draft VTP. The issues detailed in our Council resolution continue to be significant to our community.

Council calls on the Victorian Government and VicGrid to meaningfully respond to its opposition and the concerns raised by the Northern Grampians community in the finalisation of the 2025 Victorian Transmission Plan (VTP).

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Council reaffirms its commitment to working constructively with VicGrid and the Victorian Government to identify solutions that uphold the State's renewable energy objectives while safeguarding the long-term viability, productivity, and wellbeing of rural communities.

Yours faithfully



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CC
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