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Mrs K E Hull MP  
Member for Riverina  
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Dear Mrs. Hull,

**Re:                   Development of Infrastructure in assisting the economic  
                          Development in Australia's Regional Areas**

Thank you for your recent correspondence providing information to the Council on the Inquiry into Infrastructure and the development of Australia's regional areas. The information provided that the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Primary Industries and Regional Services is examining this role was of interest to the Council. The Council has asked that the following matters be raised for tabling with this Standing Committee:

1. That high speed telecommunication services be made available to all regional areas to ensure that where development is considering relocation, that services are available for these organisations to relocate. With the advent of the Internet and other advanced telecommunication activities access to these services are important factors in decisions that are made by organisations and companies when considering locating to any area.
2. The provision of high kilovolt (KVA) power lines in accessible locations. Currently KVA lines are not always available for access by organisations and companies. One suggestion has been made that any new high voltage power lines be provided alongside transport corridors that are currently in existence. These major transport corridors are servicing the larger areas in regional Australia and would provide an opportunity for organisations and companies to gain access to these high voltage power lines.

Council would also like to be informed of any developments that occur as a result of this Standing Committee reviewing the infrastructure requirements for the development of Australia's regional areas.

Yours faithfully,

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