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PRESS RELEASE

Kangaroo Island Energy Focus Advisory Group Meets

The matter of security electricity provision to the businesses and community of Kangaroo Island was considered by the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) recently. The AER made a preliminary determination to accept SA Power Network's assessment that the capital expenditure on Kangaroo Island's security requires an indicative budget of \$45.2m calculated on the basis of replacing the current undersea cable. The AER will make its final determination this month. However, there is a separate Regulatory Investment Test where more cost effective options might emerge and SA Power Network's will carryout the Test and report to the AER.

"I am keen to make sure that the community of Kangaroo Island are engaged with the AER and SA Power Networks during this important phase of ensuring energy security to the Island and as a result I have formed the Advisory Group.

"The terms of reference for the Group will be to advise me on the:

- Energy needs and aspirations of the community, business and government agencies on the Island;
- Proposals that may emerge from SA Power Networks as they conduct the Regulatory Investment Test;
- Preparation of submissions and any representations that might be made to the AER and SA Power Networks;
- Appropriate strategies for engagement and communication with the Kangaroo Island community, including business and government agencies;
- Community's enthusiasm and concerns with different energy supply options such as wind, diesel, solar, bio-energy etc;
- Engagement with the wider energy market in responding to the needs of the Island.

"I approached the Council, the government agencies on the Island and the Kangaroo Island Industry and Brand Alliance to give me the names of people to go onto the Focus Group. I will chair our meetings and the members of the Focus Group are:

- Justin Harman
- Ray Wadsworth
- Trevor Bennett
- Nigel Jefford
- Mayor Peter Clements
- Andrew Boardman
- David Connell

"The first meeting today will be to familiarise ourselves with the decision of the Regulator, next steps in the AER process, how to engage with SA Power Networks and the strategies for community and business engagement on the Island.

"The work of this group is very important particularly with the over \$171m of development proposed to occurring on the Island over the coming years", said the Commissioner.

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