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MAJOR PROJECTS

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Dear Ros Bush,

I am writing to you to inform you that today ACTEW Corporation is announcing it is seeking to be an active participant in the development of commercial solar power generation for the ACT by making available land it owns at Williamsdale.

Members of the Burra and Williamsdale communities have been talking to us about the future use of this land at Williamsdale. I hope the announcement today, reiterated in this letter, reassures you of ACTEW's intentions for this land.

Energy sourcing and security are key priorities for ACTEW as a 50 per cent owner of ActewAGL, Canberra's main energy provider. The ACT currently has a single point of electricity supply and this poses significant risk to our community. It is very important to ACTEW that there is no impediment to a second electricity bulk supply point for the ACT, which is why ACTEW is seeking to purchase the section of land not required by TransGrid for their proposed bulk supply point project.

I wish to inform you that in addition, this week ACTEW has completed the purchase of a neighbouring property, and it is through this acquisition that ACTEW intends to engage in solar generation for the ACT by providing a suitable site. While ACTEW will not develop a solar power proposal in its own right, we will work with ActewAGL or any other potential proponents that may bid to undertake the project in response to the ACT Government's recent call for expressions of interest.

ACTEW may also use the land to plant trees to mitigate any impact from its major water security projects - the Enlarged Cotter Dam and the Murrumbidgee to Googong Water Transfer. This will be in addition to rehabilitation processes along the pipeline route and will help improve the environment along the Murrumbidgee River.

The land acquired will also be used to locate part of the pipeline ACTEW will build to deliver the Murrumbidgee to Googong Water Transfer. ACTEW has been talking to community members and directly affected landowners about this project for some months now.

The property sold to ACTEW this week will continue to be used by the current occupant until further notice.

ACTEW is committed to responding to any issues, concerns and ideas the community has about the Murrumbidgee to Googong Water Transfer and any other projects which may be proposed for Williamsdale in the future. I welcome your input and feedback about these announcements, and as always your continued involvement and interest in the Murrumbidgee to Googong Water Transfer.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Sullivan
Managing Director, ACTEW Corporation