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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition No. 4222-25 titled 'Cyclone Alfred loss of power' which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 29 April 2025. I thank the petitioners for their interest in this matter.

I note the petition requests the Parliament does all within its power to place all Queensland power transmission lines underground to increase resilience of the electricity system to future natural disasters, noting the impact that Tropical Cyclone (TC) Alfred had on our state's energy system.

I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate my thanks to the thousands of Energex and Ergon workers who supported South-East Queenslanders' recovery from TC Alfred. TC Alfred was unlike anything most South East Queenslanders had experienced before, and more than 450,000 households faced power outages. It is thanks to their work that our grid returned to service as quickly as it did, and their dedication is to be commended.

Our government is committed to delivering affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for all Queenslanders. We recognise the role a resilient grid has in preserving our lifestyle and protecting our economy.

That is why the Crisafulli Government has already taken concrete steps to strengthen the resilience of our grid, including the implementation of the \$1.4 billion Electricity Maintenance Guarantee, which is ensuring government owned generators prioritise maintenance to deliver reliable and affordable energy for every single Queenslanders. While reliability and stability were not priorities of the former Labor Government, they are priorities of the Crisafulli Government.

With specific regard to the petitioners' request, it is important to note Energy Queensland Ltd and Powerlink Queensland are the Government Owned Corporations (GOCs) which support the operation and maintenance of our state's distribution networks. Both Energy Queensland and Powerlink are committed to providing a safe and reliable supply of electricity to their customers. Any decision as to whether to spend a significant amount of money to place power transmission lines underground is ultimately a matter for both of these GOCs, who make operational decisions independently of the government based on system reliability, security and impact on the cost to Queenslanders' power bills.

I trust this information is of assistance. I again thank the petitioners for their interest in this important matter.

Yours sincerely



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