

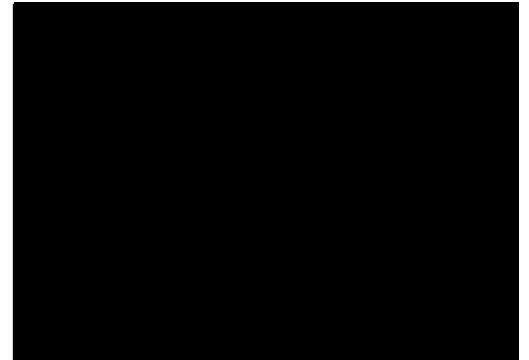


## Shire of Ravensthorpe

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Dear Sir,

### **Ravensthorpe Islanding Project**

Council is extremely disappointed that the Economic Regulation Authority has, in its draft response to Western Powers request for funding over the next five years, indicated it has concerns with some aspects of the Ravensthorpe NCS (generation) projects and as a result has advised Western Power to remove its request for funding to continue to the Ravensthorpe Islanding projects.

Put in simple terms, Ravensthorpe is a community located on the edge of the electricity grid and as such there is insufficient capacity to service the needs of Ravensthorpe particularly during the winter period when heating is vital. Reliable electricity supply is also essential for industrial and commercial development in the Shire, this is highlighted by the recent opening of a new multi-million dollar IGA store. This project proceeded on the understanding and expectation that there would be sufficient and reliable power supply.

At this point of time it appears, from investigations undertaken by Western Power, that the most cost effective means of providing a much needed reliable power supply for Ravensthorpe is a combination of electricity from the grid with the backup of diesel generators.

Council urges the Economic Regulation authority to review its decision in this instance and approve the necessary funding to guarantee adequate supply of diesel fuel to operate the generators during peak periods.

Yours faithfully

  
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Chief Executive Officer  
29 May 2012