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Energy White Paper Taskforce
Department of Industry
GPO Box 1564
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Dear Sir or Madam

Re: Submission – Energy White Paper

In May 2013, Townsville Enterprise was awarded funding through the Federal Government Community Infrastructure Grants Program to undertake energy and agricultural feasibility studies in North and Northwest Queensland. In particular, this project will endeavour to find solutions for affordable energy in Northern Queensland.

We hold the view that this work will be of significant value to inform the understanding of affordable energy in Northern Australia, highlighting the potential for a greater regional contribution to State and National economies through sustainable development.

Partnering with Townsville Enterprise in this important project is the Federal Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, Federal Treasury and Federal Department of Industry.

The Feasibility Studies' Consultant, GHD Hill Michael, leads a consortium of well respected, specialist groups.

We believe that as part of the decision-making processes of the Energy White Paper Taskforce, the North and Northwest Queensland Sustainable Feasibility Studies Final Report will provide the Department of Industry with valuable information in identifying potential benefits and impacts to determine financially viable generation and transmission infrastructure for Northern Queensland.

The Feasibility Studies Final Report is due for submission to the Steering Committee on 28 February 2014.

If agreeable, a copy of the Final Report will be provided to Energy White Paper Taskforce immediately upon its release as Townsville Enterprise's and the Steering Committee's submission to Energy White Paper Taskforce and the development of Australian Government's Energy White Paper.

Furthermore, I would value receiving a response to this suggestion and the opportunity for further discussion should our offer not be acceptable.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D Kippin".

David Kippin
Chief Executive Officer

