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**Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Energy; Industrial Relations**

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Dear Ms Farina

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION – INQUIRY INTO PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS**

Thank you for your letter of 11 March 2020 requesting assistance with two further enquiries in my capacity as the Minister for Energy in relation to the Inquiry into Private Property Rights.

I note that you have requested information on any proposed actions by the Western Australian Government to address:

- two recommendations (24 and 28) in a report published in 2008 by the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia *Project 98 – Compensation for Injurious Affection*; and
- proposed amendments to the *Energy Operators (Powers) Act 1979* included in the Land Acquisition Legislation Amendment (Compensation) Bill 2014, which has since lapsed.

As indicated in my previous response to you of 29 October 2019, the implementation of proposals of this form could potentially have significant financial implications for the State and would require a thorough investigation of the public benefits and costs.

Given these potential financial implications the proposals are not considered to be a priority matter from an energy portfolio perspective.

Should you require further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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