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Mr Peter Katsambanis, MLA
Chairman
Community Development and Justice Standing Committee
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
West Perth, WA 6005

Dear Mr Katsambanis,

Inquiry into the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee's inquiry into the protection of crowded places in Western Australia from terrorist acts. We appreciate the gravity of this issue and the work you are doing to ensure WA has appropriate procedures in place in the event of a terrorist act.

Western Power would like to provide the following comments:

- Although Western Power has responsibilities under the Westplan (Terrorism Act), we do not have input into the plan.
- Western Power does not hold events in crowded places, however we would respond when called upon under direction from lead agencies to manage/cut power as appropriate and under safe conditions in emergency situations.
- Western Power participates in regular forums on this issue; such as the Critical Infrastructure Forum led by WA Police, where stakeholders across the state discuss trends, threats and best practices to help manage crowded places.
- We have solid working relationships and protocols with WA Police and manage emergency/crisis situations in compliance with our internal Emergency Management protocols.

Should you have questions or require further information relating to the above comments, please contact Senior Government Relations Specialist Claire Smith at

Yours sincerely

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