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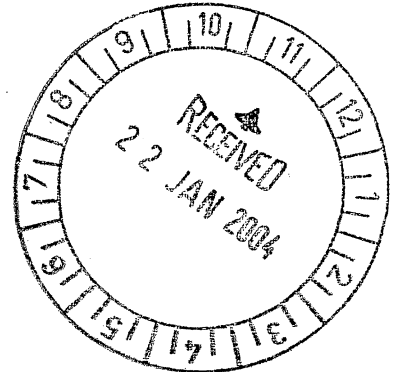
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Hon Barry House MLC

Chairman

Standing Committee on Public Administration and Finance

Parliament House

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Dear Mr House

Thank you for your letter of 12 December 2003 regarding your committee's report and recommendations in relation to Western Power's underground policy.

Western Power's policy whereby if subdivision results in the creation of lots of less than 10 hectares any overhead lines must be removed, was referred to the Director of Energy Safety in 2003. My understanding is that he supports Western Power's application of the policy and was not in favour of allowing any form of exemption.

I am satisfied that Western Power's policy is appropriate and that it is applied consistently.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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