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Dear Ms Van Dalen,

**RE: RENEWABLE ENERGY – WIND & SOLAR – LOCAL STORAGE FACILITY/BATTERY  
& CARRYING CAPACITY OF MAIN POWER LINES – WHITSUNDAY LGA**

Whitsunday Conservation Council would like to inquire about the two items above.

1. Recent local media coverage mentioned that Ergon was intending to install large storage batteries in some regional towns.

Could we suggest that the Whitsunday LGA be considered for this type of installation to provide disaster resilience and negate the effects of the sometimes severe weather experienced in this part of tropical Queensland.

2. Members of the public have raised the question with us as to whether your current main power lines between Bowen, Proserpine and Airlie Beach can carry the increased voltage generated by home and business solar power units.

Could you advise if excess power going back to the grid from the increasing installation of private and business solar units in the Whitsunday LGA will present problems for your current network.

Regards,

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unique, natural assets of the Whitsundays.