

WESTERN POWER — BYFORD

**714. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Energy:**

I congratulate the minister on the recent Western Power substation upgrade in Byford, aimed at improving power reliability in the area, and I note from his media release of 10 August 2022 that more work is planned around the installation of new feeders in Byford.

- (1) Is the minister able to provide an indicative timetable for such work?
- (2) Can he assure Byford residents that every effort will be made to ensure that the new feeders are in place ahead of our next summer heatwave so as to avoid a repeat of last year's unprecedented load conditions and the resulting outages?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Energy.

- (1) The network upgrade at Byford is planned to be completed 30 November 2022.
- (2) Yes. Western Power has accelerated capability and reliability improvements to minimise the risk of supply disruption in the event of another unprecedented heatwave. As part of the planned upgrade, network capacity will be increased through additional feeders and by balancing load in the Southern River and Byford areas.