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Pederick asks Government for power back-up

Local MP Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick has written to the Minister for Energy the Hon Patrick Conlon MP asking the government to reconsider locating a power back-up generator at Pinnaroo.

'The township suffers frequent power failures that may be caused by storms or vehicle accidents as well as technical failures with supply infrastructure,' Mr Pederick said.

'The inconvenience to householders is frequent and distressing but the effect on local commerce and industry is damaging and costly. The distance a mobile generator has to travel to cover extended outages increases the delay, the frustration and the expense.

'The town's location at the end of the supply line exacerbates the problem both in frequency and duration. While we would all like to see major upgrades to infrastructure to reduce this problem to an acceptable level, I realise that will be expensive and take a long time to implement.

'The minister might argue that for various reasons preventing power outages is beyond his control but providing an on-site back-up like a mobile generator is not.

'I have written to him to request he reconsider providing such an alternative immediately and give the long-suffering - and so far patient - people of Pinnaroo a fair go.'