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LIGHTS OUT AGAIN MEANS ACTION NOW

Tom Venning MP Member for Grey has called for a renewed State Government and Federal Government focus on stability and affordability in the electrical grid.

Mr. Venning has suggested that the rollout of renewables must take a ‘back seat’ until we get the ‘basics’ right in regional, rural, and remote South Australia. Mr. Venning’s remarks come after yet another round of blackouts on the Yorke Peninsula, Mid-North and evidence of significant issues throughout remote SA including the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY LANDS) that Mr. Venning says are ‘worrying’.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning MP, Federal Member for Grey

“Outages are happening too often, it is time that the push for renewables took a back seat until we get the basics of grid stability right in regional, rural and remote SA.”

“We need action. The State and Federal Governments must work with stakeholders to fix this network before we see another incident like March 2025.”

“Infrastructure and maintenance are clearly the problem. We need a network capable of handling the conditions, demand loads, and supply shortages we are experiencing.”

“I’ve also been made aware that the APY Lands are suffering similar worrying issues. Senator Kerryne Liddle has called on the Indigenous Australians Minister Malarndirri McCarthy to act immediately to lessen the already high risk those living in the APY Lands are facing during current periods of severe heat.”



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“Amongst blackouts, earlier this year the wholesale electricity price spiked in SA to near \$20,000 per megawatt hour. The highest spot price ever recorded. This is a glimpse into a future under Labor’s reckless push toward net zero, with no regard for what it is costing families and businesses.”

“The Yorke Peninsula is scheduled for another planned blackout on February 22nd, while I appreciate that the cleaning work that forces this is necessary, it is confusing to me why areas of outback Australia have stable grids, yet here in South Australia in prime agricultural regions we are still regularly plunging into extended periods of blackout.”

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