



Media release

The Honourable Mark McArdle MP
Minister for Energy and Water Supply

Station to spark greater interest in Springfield

Energy Minister Mark McArdle has toured the site of one of the most sophisticated electricity substations to be built in Queensland.

Designed to help power Greater Springfield and its surrounds, the \$50 million Energex facility is due for completion in late 2014, weather permitting.

“This facility will cater for the growing electricity demand at Springfield with work about to commence on the area’s first hospital, as well major extensions to the University of Southern Queensland,” Mr McArdle said.

Comprising multi-levels and at almost 10 metres high, the installation has been strategically located on Wellness Way adjacent to the Health and Education precincts and has been architecturally engineered to be fully enclosed, sound-proof and is partially underground with a system of complex cabling.

Mr McArdle said the Western Corridor was estimated to grow to more than 500,000 residents by 2030.

“We know that Greater Springfield and the region are rapidly expanding and tipped for an economic and population boom which is not just good for the area but fantastic for Queensland,” he said.

“The Newman Government is about making sure that we plan ahead to meet those needs.”

Greater Springfield founder and city visionary Maha Sinnathamby congratulated the Newman Government’s ongoing recognition of Greater Springfield as a major contributor of economic and social benefits to the South East.

Mr Sinnathamby said he and Minister McArdle had also commenced talks on a possible alliance to investigate the prospect of Greater Springfield becoming the focus of new cutting-edge power and smarter distribution technology.

“In 2010 Greater Springfield was declared the world’s best master planned city. For us, that also means having the community prosper from our investment and investigation into delivering cheaper electricity,” Mr Sinnathamby said.

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