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Yarrabah micro-grid proposal receives federal funding for feasibility study

THE proponents of a self-reliant, sustainable micro-grid at the First Australian community of Yarrabah, south of Cairns, have received nearly \$2 million from the Federal Government for a feasibility study.

Kennedy MP, Bob Katter said the project meant Yarrabah would no longer be a fringe-of-grid community, and it would facilitate lower-cost, more reliable energy supply, as well as long term and ongoing local employment and economic opportunities.

"I envisage some families down there taking up land and establishing sugar cane farms," he said.

"This project also gives security of supply for the Yarrabah locals. This will be especially helpful during cyclones – the transmission lines were stupidly built east of the Great Dividing Range which makes the far north Queensland grid vulnerable.

"It will also mean cheaper power for the local community and if the KAP secures the balance of power at the state election, the money will be secured for construction."

The feasibility funding was approved by Federal Energy Minister Angus Taylor.

Mr Katter said it was a very worthy project and his office had put a lot of work into securing the deal.

"We want to thank the Minister and the Federal Government for this decision," he said.

"We also congratulate the proponents of the project, *Ener-G Management Group PTY LTD* and we look forward to working with them in the future."

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