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Solar thermal proposal to be investigated by Parliament

Parliament has today supported a motion by Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Dan van Holst Pellekaan, to establish a Select Committee to investigate the merits of the proposal that solar thermal power plants could replace existing coal-fired power stations at Port Augusta when coal from Leigh Creek is no longer available.

The motion from Mr van Holst Pellekaan was unanimously supported which indicates the importance of this issue.

"I am very pleased for Port Augusta and our state that my motion to establish this Select Committee received the full support of the Parliament," Mr van Holst Pellekaan said.

"The establishment of this Select Committee will ensure that the solar thermal proposal is fully investigated by our Parliament.

"We need to know whether solar thermal can be the solution to the problem we are going to have when the Leigh Creek coal runs out."

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