



Inquiry into the feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That the Standing Committee on State Development inquire into and report on the feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects, with particular reference to:
 - (a) the costs and benefits of undergrounding,
 - (b) existing case studies and current projects regarding similar undergrounding of transmission lines in both domestic and international contexts,
 - (c) any impact on delivery timeframes of undergrounding, and
 - (d) any environmental impacts of undergrounding.
2. The Committee report on its findings by 31 August 2023.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the committee by the Minister for Climate Change, Minister for Energy, Minister for the Environment, Minister for Heritage, Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council on 19 June 2023 and adopted by the Committee on 22 June 2023.¹

Committee membership

Hon Emily Suvaal MLC	Australian Labor Party	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	The Greens	
Hon Wes Fang MLC*	The Nationals	
Hon Emma Hurst MLC	Animal Justice Party	
Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Taylor Martin MLC	Liberal Party	
Hon Peter Primrose MLC	Australian Labor Party	

* The Hon Wes Fang MLC substituted for the Hon Sam Faraway MLC from 26 June 2023 for the duration of the inquiry

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 22 June 2023, pp 226-227.