



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF UNDERGROUNDING THE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

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

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. That a select committee be established to inquire into and report on the feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects, and in particular:
 - (a) the costs, benefits and risks of underground versus overhead transmission lines, particularly with regard to bushfire and other weather-related events, ongoing environmental impacts, and community mental health and welfare
 - (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 with broad community consensus versus overhead transmission with large scale opposition
 - (d) any other related matters.
2. That the committee report by 31 March 2024.

The terms of reference for the inquiry were referred to the committee by the Legislative Council on 13 September 2023.¹

Committee membership

Ms Cate Faehrmann MLC	The Greens	<i>Chair</i>
Hon Wes Fang MLC	The Nationals	<i>Deputy Chair</i>
Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Susan Carter MLC	Liberal Party	
Hon Stephen Lawrence MLC	Australian Labor Party	
Hon Rod Roberts MLC	Independent	
Hon Emily Suvaal MLC	Australian Labor Party	

¹ *Minutes*, NSW Legislative Council, 13 September 2023, pp 471-472.