



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner**

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Friday 28 July 2023

Standing Committee on State Development  
Legislative Council  
Parliament of New South Wales  
via email to: [state.development@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:state.development@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Inquiry into the feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects – supplementary questions after 18 July 2023 hearing**

Please find below my responses to the supplementary questions provided on Friday 21 July 2023.

1. *Under what circumstances can a landholder refuse to grant permission for an overhead project such as HumeLink to impact their property? What are the likely consequences should that occur?*

The Committee may wish to seek appropriate legal advice on this matter.

2. (a) *Are you in a position to describe the difference in the approval processes between a project within a NSW REZ and outside of a REZ (for example, in the vicinity of the HumeLink project in the Riverina area)?*  
(b) *Is it fair to say, in certain circumstances the requirements on a proponent of a renewable energy project, can be less when that project is outside of a NSW REZ as opposed to within a NSW REZ?*

(a) – No.

(b) – The Committee may wish to seek advice from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

Should the Committee or its secretariat team have any further queries about these matters, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone on 1800 656 395 or by email at [aeic@aeic.gov.au](mailto:aeic@aeic.gov.au) .

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Dyer'.

Andrew Dyer  
Commissioner