



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

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UPCOMING HEARING AND PUBLIC FORUM IN INQUIRY INTO TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

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An Upper House committee will hold a hearing and public forum on Wednesday 16 August in Deniliquin for its inquiry into the feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects.

The committee will hear from community members about the Victoria to NSW Interconnector West, known as VNI West. This is a proposed transmission line being developed by Transgrid and AEMO Victoria Planning. VNI West is planned to go from Jerilderie in New South Wales to Kerang and Bulgana in Victoria.

The Hon Emily Suvaal MLC, Chair of the State Development Committee, said: 'The committee has received submissions from many community members worried about the impact of VNI West. Travelling to Deniliquin will give us the opportunity to hear first-hand about these concerns and get a better picture of how the project would impact the local area'.

The Chair added: 'With billions of dollars being spent on transmission projects in this state, it is clear how important it is to get this right. We strongly encourage members of the public to sign up for the public forum to share their views directly with the committee. Community input will be a key consideration for us as we look towards making our recommendations'.

The public forum will be held from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm at the Dunlop Room, Deniliquin RSL, 72 End Street, Deniliquin. To register to attend the public forum please follow this link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vp9hlIknxEObgN2_R2mBwM28k_p39Y1CmrOuRsRGFARUM0VKVVgwOTJVNFRST1pLUzBaQ1JKTThBSC4u

The hearing and public forum will be livestreamed on the Parliament [website](#).

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, is available on the committee's [website](#).

For further information please contact Committee Chair, Ms Emily Suvaal, on (02) 9230 2731.

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