

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO FEASIBILITY OF UNDERGROUNDING
THE TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS**

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The proposed 80 meter towers will be a blight on the landscape and in the case of proximity to Tumut Airport, closer than existing hills, poses a major risk to safe take-off and approach for existing light aircraft yet alone the larger aircraft and fully laden fire bombers serviced by this regional fire fighting base, all expected following the imminent extension of the runway. Then there is the obvious intrusion on agricultural farming land that does not allow full use of the land beneath the towers yet alone passage of certain machinery, and there is the added risk of bushfire and inability of aerial attack near the towers. There is ongoing cost of aerial inspection of the wires and conductors, Overseas experience shows proof of the benefits long term of UNDERGROUNDING these transmission cables. The social and environmental benefits far outweigh any initial costs of undergrounding as opposed to towers, We are in the 20th century. Insist our projects reflect the Technology advancements.