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

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The Hon. Emily Suvaal Committee Chair Underground Transmission Enquiry NSW Government

Dear Emily, Please accept our submission in full support of underground transmission lines.

Riverina Helicopters provides aerial services throughout New South Wales and Victoria, primarily supporting primary production through aerial spraying, fertilising and seeding.

Overhead transmission lines are a significant safety concern not only for our business but also for existing and potential clients using our services.

Our valued clients, YASS NSW, are just one of our clients that will be heavily impacted by Transgrid – Humelink REF: YG-010. Humelink's 85m high towers, and 70m easement inflicts a no fly zone and will restrict landing at the main water source for agricultural weed spraying operations. It is an essential service we are able to provide on the property due to the very steep terrain which is not accessible to ground spray units.

All transmission lines have an impact on our business operations and we fully recommend underground transmission lines as a compromise solution for landholders.

Yours sincerely

^{*}Photos provided by client