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

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I urge careful consideration for the proposed Humelink transmission lines to be placed underground.

The current proposal has not been thought out for the long term.

The extra cost would be mitigated by fewer bushfires (being caused) and less maintenance needed. Suitable habitat for our wildlife is diminishing at a greater rate than ever before.

Vital agricultural land will be rendered useless, and the natural beauty of our rural landscape will be destroyed forever.

Once these monstrosities are constructed, there is no going back. This is a HIGH WIND area and towers have been known to collapse and the lines snapped DURING HIGH WINDS AND STORMS. Many bushfires have been caused by this scenario.

Other countries use underground transmission lines effectively.

Why can't Australia? We need to be more forward thinking in our approach.