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

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Dear The Honourable Emily Suvaal MLC

Re: Feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to this important inquiry. My partner and I moved to the Gilmore Valley from Victoria late 2019. It was a lifestyle change that we had given considerable time, effort and financial commitment to. We chose this property because it was simply stunning, everything we had been looking for. We were impacted by the fires and we're still getting back on our feet. We were devastated by how badly affected the hills around us were from those fires and then a heavy rainfall event causing flash flooding and severe soil erosion on those hills. We lost most of the large established trees along the creek and the few paddock trees on our property.

What we purchased and what we have now are two very different places.

To consider the prospect of massive towers and the ongoing visual impact and safety concerns it will bring is terrifying. I am finding that at this time in my life, each day increasingly difficult and these towers having the potential of changing our lives here forever.

I urge the Standing Committee to recommend that undergrounding is the best and only way forward for renewable energy transmission in NSW. As we transition to net zero emissions we need environmentally responsible transmission as well as generation and I urge the committee to look around the world for best and safest practices already being used with success.

Yours Sincerely