

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

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Committee Members

I support this inquiry into the proposed Hume Link power line and that you will consider the possibility of putting this line underground. A independent report commissioned in 2021 by Moorabool Shire in Western Victoria as part of their due diligence in assessing the options and impacts for a proposed High Voltage power line in their district , (reporter Sue Peacock ABC Ballarat June 22nd 2021)this report offers some local reference points for this inquiry. I trust the committee will consider the Enviromental and Social as well as the Financial impacts of the Hume Link proposal with out influence from the multinational Transgrid. We have negotiated in good faith with Transgrid not knowing the exact position of proposed towers along the line. Now the line on the map has changed and this will have even greater impact with the lost of another 20 mature and important trees in 5 of our main lambing paddocks . Decisions made from the office without ever seeing the land and without any consultation.

We are devastated by the affect this proposal will have on our property and feel under compensated for the loss of property valuation and the impacts on our sheep breeding business .

Yours Sincerely

Keith McGrath