

Submission
No 90

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

Organisation: IAL Moloney

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Humelink proposes to cross through the centre of our property for approximately 3km in close proximity to our home. The project will dominate views throughout the property, passing close to our property entrance, across our access roads and isolating our home from fire control support and emergency egress. The project heavily impacts our property development options and results in a substantial financial loss due to property devaluation and production loss. Undergrounding substantially eliminates these impacts.

It's entirely inequitable to expect a relatively small number of landholders to accept the burden of large losses, both financial and lifestyle, to support the profits of the electricity industry, or small cost savings distributed across a very large number of electricity consumers.

Transgrid continues to deny and conceal the genuine impacts of Humelink, seeking to avoid the underground option as well as avoiding fair compensation and its responsibilities under the Just Terms Act. Unless Transgrid is prepared to pay fair compensation for the actual impacts of overhead transmission, the only option is to go underground.

Any democratic cost benefit analysis needs to account for all costs and benefits, not just picking and choosing those that suit your argument and riding roughshod over landholder rights.

Please help ensure landholders are treated genuinely and fairly in this process.