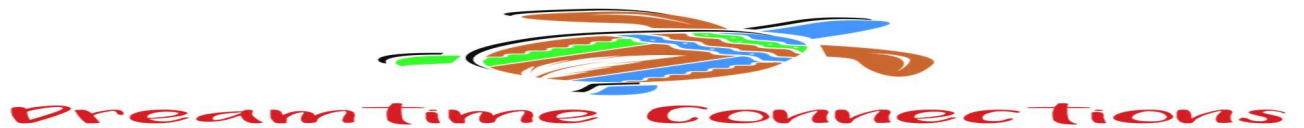


**Submission
No 98**

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

Name: Mr Aaron Chatfield

Date Received: 14 July 2023



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

11 July 2023

Dear Emily,

Please accept my submission as Kamilaroi man and on behalf the traditional owners the Ngunnawal people and in reference with Black Range Road Yass.

I fully support underground transmission lines to reduce the environmental, ecological and visual and ambient noise impact on cultural heritage sites.

I hold qualifications in Land Conservation and Management and formally taught these subjects at TAFE NSW and CIT Canberra and have worked with Greening Australia ACT, and Rivers of Carbon (ARRC) for many years.

I have established my own business, *Dreamtime Connections* which has provided valuable education and input for cultural Heritage and continue to do environmental restoration work.

I have been fortunate to have worked with the on a number of environmental protection and enhancement projects along Derringullen creek and the Yass River. The recent acknowledged cultural heritage site, Ngunnawal Women's Area, on the Derringullen Creek, demonstrates the significance of connection of waterways and green corridor to the Yass River.

The impact Transgrid – Humelink's transmission towers spanning the steep country, below the Derringullen Falls will be devastating to a unique and culturally significant waterway, and impacting the Wedge Tail Eagle (Mulleun – Totem animal for Ngunnawal) habitat greatly.

I understand there will be a second cultural heritage survey to be completed for Transgrid's EIS. This area may potentially find further cultural connections with the Ngunnawal people and the Women's area above the Derringullen falls.

The are dedicated restoration, conservation, and land carers, and I look forward to working with them in the future projects.

Please feel free to contact me for further details.

Yours Sincerely,

Dreamtime Connections Owner and Operator. Kamilaroi Man, Aaron Chatfield