Supplementary Submission No 69a

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

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Dear The Hon. Emily Suvaal MLC Committee Chair

Australia, as most of its population and the world recognises, has unique flora and fauna and luckily still in some areas of beautiful untouched old forests, deserts and pristine waterways, areas which countless overseas visitors come to see and enjoy. Tourism is a very important industry for us.

Australia also has the capabilities of producing a vast range of high quality foods, meat and textiles, not only feed her own people but to export around the world playing an important role in contributing to our economy and wellbeing.

But another even more important role Australia should be playing is setting an example to the rest of the world by protecting and not plundering our remaining wilderness areas and agricultural land. To stop this relentless gung-ho clearing of land, industrialisation and urban development. As the futurists keep telling us, the world is going to run out of food, well, if we keep going the way we are, that just might happen sooner rather than later. The population needs to build smaller homes, not the mammoth sized homes one sees so often now, and have enough land left on which to plant trees and grow produce.

But the main point of this submission is that HumeLink should and must be underground. Not only to preserve valuable farming land and native habitat but to show overseas countries we are right up there with them in enforcing that transmission lines must now be laid underground. Kind regards

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