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

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The Hon Emily Suvaal, Committee Chair, Inquiry - Feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects Standing Committee on State Development Parliament House 6 Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear The Hon 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 into the feasibility of undergrounding transmission infrastructure for renewable infrastructure project.

Fire hazard is one issue & the visibility of the tower & the clearing of a 70 mtr wide strip of trees on our property which stops birds from nesting in some of the large trees. the environmental impact is huge for the whole area under consideration of the above ground towers.

I urge the Standing Committee to recommend that undergrounding is the best way forward for renewable energy transmission in NSW. As we transition to net zero emissions we need environmentally responsible transmission as well as generation.

Yours sincerely,

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