

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

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To Whom It Concerns,

This is an important inquiry. The people of regional and rural NSW should have our voices heard in regard to the devastating impacts the many renewable energy developments, such as overhead transmission lines and wind turbines will have.

Unrepairable damage will be done to our fragile environment, natural habitats, endangered and threatened species, regional and rural communities; these developments will increase fire risk, destroy peoples livelihoods, tourism and the scenic amenity of large tracts of land.

Now is the time for climate action and climate responsible development. Developers such as Transgrid are using renewable energy as an excuse for 'rape & pillage' industrial scale development. And the NSW Government's outdated Renewable Energy policies underpin this 'rape & pillage' development 'at any cost' ethos.

Tower technology is very destructive, it's a blight on the landscape; and, what is being proposed is far larger in both height and footprint than already existing transmission lines.

This is NOT green energy. It is short term industrial scale development with a massive carbon footprint that will cause long term damage to our already fragile and scant natural environment.

Green energy should be about end-to-end delivery of electricity to consumers, not just generation.

Yours sincerely,

Tess Dawson