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

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Ms Suvaal

INQUIRY – Feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects

We are a grazing business with our family being the 5th generation of farmers in the Yaven Creek area, producing high quality beef for the domestic and export markets. We are extremely concerned about the effects the proposed Humelink overhead power lines will have on the entire valley. The entire community is experiencing huge amounts of anxiety at present, and many friendships have been shattered by neighbours who have not been affected by these decisions, of lines going through their properties.

We are concerned about the risk of fires and the ability to fight fires with aircraft and limited accessibility due to the transmission lines.

We are more than concerned about the devaluation of land values due to overhead power lines and large towers.

The visual effects of these enormous towers spoils the beauty of this wonderful valley that is a highly acclaimed, grazing land.

We are extremely concerned about ongoing maintenance and poor weed control in other regions where transmission lines exist.

There will be a much smaller easement if underground power lines were to occur.

We recognise the importance of renewable, clean energy and the need for infrastructure to support its transmission. But we need your help to negotiate better short- and long-term options for local businesses, communities, the environment, and future generations.

Underground electricity transmission is best practice around the world. We urge you to support undergrounding HumeLink so that we are not casualties as we transition to a low carbon energy future.

Regards

Kerry and Marlene Pearce.