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

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Submission to Inquiry into the Feasibility of Undergrounding the Transmission Infrastructure for Renewable Energy Projects.

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a resident of Batlow I am concerned that myself and others in our community will be affected by transmission lines associated with the Humelink (Snowy 2.0 project) if they are above ground.

My concerns are as follows:

Having experienced the 2019 Black Summer fires here in Batlow I am very wary of overhead transmission wires. Although it was not possible to use the westerly road for evacuation in this case a future similar event would block this route. The possibility of a fire being started by wires arcing is also a concern. I believe aerial fire fighting would also be impacted.

The productivity and asset depreciation of farms in the region are also of concern due to disturbance and loss of productive land, compromised bio security and hampering aerial farm activities.

Areas of native habitat will be compromised by clearing: breaking up flora and fauna communities and probably causing erosion.

The vista toward the Bogong Ranges from Batlow and approaches will be impacted by highly visible towers and wires generally but also reflect light from mid morning onward highlighting the infrastructure. This will affect the attractiveness to tourists to the area that we are working hard to encourage to provide much needed economic diversity.

I selected Batlow as a place to buy a house because of the gorgeous view over the township as well as the approaches. If the transmission towers and lines are above ground I will no longer will have peace of mind looking out the main aspect of my house or on the drive to and from town. A great loss.