Submission No 129

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

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Dear 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 projects.

Being a fifth generation occupier of our small 116 hectare property in the Bannister district of NSW through which the proposed Humelink project passes, I feel as if all the blood, sweat and toil of myself and the previous generations has been in vain.

As if fire and health risks are not enough, the construction of these monstrosities across the landscape will leave a scar that will be there for the next two or possibly three generations..... a wonderful legacy to leave our children and grandchildren!!!!!

I now have a much greater understanding of how my ancestors must have felt when they were displaced by the blight that caused the potato famine one hundred and seventy years ago. Please don't let the blight of these towers across our landscape be responsible for the possible displacement of future custodians when a viable alterative is available by undergrounding

I realise that I am only a very small voice in a project that will cost billions of dollars in compensation a construction costs but sometimes there is a more important issue at hand and that could be as simple as Doing the RIGHT thing.

I urge the Standing Committee to recommend that undergrounding is the best way forward for renewable energy transmission in NSW.

Yours Sincerely

Phillip Price