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**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

Date: 14th July 2023

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 projects.

We live on a cattle station and our very close family and friends are being impacted by the humelink power line's wanting to put their 500kva power lines above ground instead of underground!

Why do I support the undergrounding line instead of the above ground is I have a lot of fear that our cattle station will be at huge fire risk, due to the above ground power lines.

It has stated that we will not have the support from fire fighting crew's where the power lines are if they are above ground! If my neighbours can't get support because of the above ground power lines than how are we to stop it! Our farm burns!

When the power lines are above ground it increases our risk of the power lines starting a fire is so incredibly high and the area is already well known for fire risk.

The recent catastrophic dunns road fire started only 1 km from our farm and destroyed so much that slot of people still have not recovered! The impact it had on my husband which is now fighting a brain tumour in Sydney hospital, the impact the fires had on him was so incredibly hard to witness.

The mental health that the fire put on our family and friends is so very sad and extremely scary.

This is now what we are experiencing with this above ground Hume link power line's, people I've known very well have had suicide thoughts because of the impact of these above

Ground power lines and they had to leave there loved ones to seek medical attention in the near by cities which are kms away from their supportive loved ones.

My next concern is the health and safety of farmers with the above ground line's, The dangers of operating any machinery is highly impacted and very dangerous.

I support the power line but only if it's underground.

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.