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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
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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 are writing in reference and objection to the proposed above ground
500KV power lines and subsequent support structures from Snowy 2, travelling
through, or adjacent to, areas including Batlow, Wondalga and the Yaven valley
enroute to Wagga Wagga.

Our farming property is thankfully, presently, and directly unaffected by the
direction and path of the proposed infrastructure.

I say 'presently' as I understand that other paths were proposed before or
possibly consecutively with the presently proposed path, but who knows if
other routes are still being planned. Maybe through my property next.

Our property at Adelong was directly in the path of the 2019, 20 Dunn's Road
fires and through a lucky change of wind direction, gave us good fortune at the
detriment of other properties and families in the fire's new path.

My family and property are no strangers to bush fire and had previously been
affected in 2001 when a fire was inadvertently started, causing most of my
112Ha property to be burnt out.

As no dwellings were directly impacted (burnt), no compensation was forthcoming, but my grazing property was rendered basically useless for several years after and the burnt ground foliage gave way to years of weed infestation, that we are still trying to rectify 22 years later, made so much more difficult due to the HV power lines and thankfully only one tower on our property preventing successful aerial spraying and fertilising on much of our land.

I understand the need for reliable power and a desire for renewable energy, and most people like the idea of having light with the flick of a switch.

I believe that cost and difficulty are the sited reasons for not wanting to run the new powerlines underground.

If we let difficulty hold us back, Australia wouldn't be the success it is today, and if cost was an issue, we would abandon the whole renewable energy plan and stick with what we already have in place.

The objections to the new power lines are only, in my understand, with them being above ground.

Plan to go underground and I'm sure that the support would be mostly unanimous.

On a personal note, the negative effects to mental health to all the concerned parties cannot be understated.