

**Submission
No 148**

**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

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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.

TO ME AS A DOCTOR, FARMER AND RESIDENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED THE WORST PROBLEM OF OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINE IS THE PROBLEM OF EXPOSURE TO WIND ETC AND THEREFORE THE DANGER OF STARTING BUSHFIRES WHICH ARE OFTEN SO EXTENSIVE AND CAN WELL COST LIVES AND HUGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO RECTIFY AFTER AND THIS CAN BE YEARS AFTER SO IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY FINANCIALLY.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Cawthorne