

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

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As Landholders and residents of New England, we strongly support the Undergrounding of new Transmission Lines for the following reasons

1.Environmental-

New England has a very delicate Eucalypt Environment due to Historical Overclearing, dieback in the 70,s, mistletoe and the recent drought. Eucalypts are the fundamental habitat for all our fauna. We must not destroy trees

2. Agriculture—

New England is a highly productive food and wool producing region.

Overhead power lines impinge on management and create emf issues.

Current Enco corridors cross sheds and stockyards.

3. Visual Amenity— The allocation of 8GW of generated energy for New England REZ will change New England from a beautiful rural region to an ugly industrial landscape. Overhead powerlines will add insult to injury

4. Aerial Agriculture-

New England was the pioneer of Aerial Agriculture. Overhead powerlines are dangerous.

5. Aerial Firefighting—

As above and in conjunction with wind towers will preclude aerial firefighting

6.Property Values-

Obvious devaluation of property with overhead lines.

7. Bushfire Danger-

Well documented risk of starting fires!!!, exacerbated by inability to employ aerial firefighting.