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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

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.

Please consider putting these transmission lines underground. As an active member of the NSW Rural Fire service i live in fear of bushfires caused by large overhead powerlines.

The people directly affected by the location of these overhead powerlines are my family, my neighbours and my friends. As generational farmers they are hard working, honest and dedicated members of our community in some of the prettiest country in the world.

They are self sufficient Australians who do not ask for much, however they do wish for this project to go underground for safety, visual and moral values.

This project is causing them lots of mental health strain. This has a flow on effect throughout the community affecting everyone's way of life. They do not deserve this heartache, it is destroying their lives and everything they have worked hard for.

Who will be responsible if these people start taking their lives over this? If this project goes overhead, this will push them over the edge.

If this project is able to go underground, our community will accept this with open arms, along with the money that will be brought into our community with the workers and tourism.

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.