

Submission  
No 280

**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

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.

Upper Lachlan Landcare is the regional Landcare body representing smaller Landcare groups and all Landcare efforts in our region, broadly defined as the boundary of Upper Lachlan Local Government Area.

The Upper Lachlan region is a native species rich and diverse area. Over decades our members have protected and enhanced native habitat areas with fencing, planting and conservative grazing management.

We are concerned by the impact of the transmission infrastructure for the Hume Link renewable energy project.

Destruction of valuable trees and ecosystems needs to be balanced by an investment in revegetating this area. What does this project seek to do to balance the destruction that is inevitable in this development?

HumeLink Alliance Inc. are advocating that overhead lines be instead replaced with underground cabling to reduce the landscape impacts. Upper Lachlan Landcare Inc. would strongly support and encourage any development adjustment that would reduce the negative impacts on native flora, fauna and ecosystems.

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We urge the Standing Committee to recommend the Hume Link renewable energy transmission project be modified to maximise the reduction of negative impacts on our landscape.

Regards,

John Anderson  
Chair - Upper Lachlan Landcare Inc.