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

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From: Drew Harris  
Sent: 7 August 2023 13:55  
To: ElectorateOffice Murray  
Subject: Moulamein : Objection to Transgrid transmission lines

Dear Helen,

I wish to voice my strong opposition to the Transgrid proposal through Moulamein farmlands based on the following:

- They will be a visual blight on the landscape, devaluing our rural land
- They will destroy the viability of agriculture in our area, particularly Rice growing
- Rice production in our area contributes significantly to the economy of the Riverina , and nationally , providing rice for domestic consumption, and the export market
- Rice growing requires aerial inputs , including aerial sowing, fertilising, and spraying of weeds.
- The transmission lines would not allow the safe passage of planes over our rice paddocks.
- Moulamein has a big network of rivers and creeks, which support a diverse range of native birdlife and animals
- These waterways criss cross the whole area, and would not benefit from transmission lines being inserted into the ecosystems
- Moulamein was affected by severe flooding for the last 3 months of 2022
- The proposed route from Kerang to Moulamein is across a floodplain, with numerous rivers and creeks, which were predominantly inundated with floodwater during the recent widespread floods
- This flood plain is a highly valued natural wetland, which supports a diverse ecological footprint

An underground line must be considered for power transmission.

Kind regards,

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