

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

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Helen Dalton MP

Dear Helen, I am a mixed farmer south of Moulamein. My properties are within the proposed route of the major powerline connecting Victoria and NSW. Transgrid have given two weeks notice re the proposed line. I was made aware of the possibility on the 10th of July by a neighbour and had mail re same on my return on the 21st of July. We were encouraged to make submissions by the 4th of August. Objections to this deadline were made and a modest extension was made. The proposed line route is 140km longer than the previous proposed route which would cost at a minimum, an extra \$700 million at around 4.8 million per km. The current proposal traverses the major spill out flood plain of the Murray, Merran, Wakool, Niemur, Murrain Yarrein, Yarrein, Edward and associated streams. A large proportion of the land was under floodwater for many months last year and is subject to regular flooding. It is certainly not an appropriate route for a major power line for that reason alone. The Moama to Deniliquin route as well as being much shorter follows high ground and could follow existing corridors, railway or highway. Also consider the question of the need in view of the attached article. The resultant disruption to rice growing and other farming activities will have a major impact on our local economy and devalue affected landholdings to a much greater extent than any proposed compensation which is totally inadequate. As our local member I would ask that you take this ridiculous situation to higher authorities and insist that this proposal be stopped. Regards, Peter Redfearn, Farnley, Moulamein, NSW. Sent from my iPad