

**Submission  
No 294**

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

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From: Noorong Pastoral  
Sent: 6 August 2023 19:19  
To: ElectorateOffice Murray  
Subject: Objection to Transgrid Current Plans for The VNI West Transmission Lines-Ross and Clare Martin

Dear Helen,

We wish to reiterate our concerns about the Transgrid VNI West Line as it affects our area. We would like to cease any further discussions/consultation with Transgrid about the construction of any such transmission line.

The current route as defined by Transgrid as a consequence of Victoria's frantic push for completion and its outdated above ground technology is untenable.

Transgrid's current consultation with us on route refinement of the above ground transmission lines and consequent compensation is premature.

The validity of the Victorian route of VNI West, the result of a Victorian Ministerial NEVA (May 23) is currently being challenged in the Victorian Supreme Court, a process which renders the route as it affects us

as potentially hypothetical.

There is currently a NSW Parliamentary inquiry into the feasibility of undergrounding transmission lines, the result of which may also render our leg of the above ground interconnector, its route and all its

consequences as hypothetical.

Last week, a report titled "No longer lost in transmission" written by Bruce Mountain, Simon Bartlett and Darren Edwards not only continues to challenge the validity of the entire VNI West line, it presents a very

compelling case for a new route which would again render our leg as hypothetical.

We wholly support the expedient move to renewable energy, but to avoid major hold ups and to restore confidence in the transition process we must be listened to and call for an

independent, transparent review of plans for all future transmission and renewable energy projects.

Yours faithfully,

Ross and Clare Martin.