

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

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Dear Helen,

Thank you for taking interest in this matter.

This matter is already taking a toll of community members health.

We wish to raise objection to the VNI West Project going through the local region and cease any discussions or consultation with Transgrid. There are no positive outcomes for our region from the proposed construction of a "Electricity Super Highway".

The current Route (Option 1), is being pushed upon this area as a result of Victoria's haste for completion of an outdated above ground system.

The Victorian route of VNI West, is currently being challenged in the Victorian Supreme Court, if successful the route which affects us is potentially non-existent.

There is a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the feasibility of underground transmission lines, which could result in the project being put on the shelf. Underground could use already existing easements such as abandoned railway lines and road reserves.

Transgrid's sentiment that Agricultural Land is "less valuable" than the State Forest or National Park. The Environmental Impact is exactly the same.

There is no recognition from Transgrid of the diverse environment, agriculture, creeks and river systems, flora and fauna, endangered bird species and frogs. Any compensation for the devastation this project will cause is premature and not well investigated.

Landowners are anxious to the outcome the VNI West project will have on future land sale/valuations in the district.

Transgrid have announced a short consultation period. This is unfair given how long the other Options have had to consider the impacts. We demand a longer consultation period.

The ripple effect onto the wider community. This development is looked upon as the same impact the Water Buybacks have had upon the small rural communities. The downturn in agricultural income affects 100's of off farm businesses, local community groups, sporting teams, schools. It dwindles the populations of our little townships and eventually erodes peoples well being and spirit.

Regards,

Alison and Robert Glenn

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