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

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This project had years of government research, planning and management before any information whatsoever was provided to landholders and communities directly affected by the zoning. The manner in which the projects are established appears to be deliberately obscure and complex to make objections and legal challenges impossible. The general feeling within the community is that we will bear all of the negative impacts of these projects with very few positive impacts, all for the benefit of those living in cities who would have no idea of the upheaval caused by their “green energy”. This already happens: our area produces some of the best quality meat and grain in Australia, and most in the cities have no idea of the source of these premium products, and the whole community effort that goes into producing them. These projects are causing major divisions within the community as the compensation for turbines/panels goes to very few when the community disturbance/upheaval/loss of prime agricultural land/loss of landscape is borne by all. Loss of accommodation and loss of local workforce are also major contributors. Undergrounding the transmission lines will be a vast improvement to the situation.