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

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The whole REZ should be built on the eastern side of the Blue Mountains where the bulk of the existing power generation system is already located and where the bulk of the power is used.

The people affected by the planned Central-West Orana REZ Transmission line are being treated with contempt by Energy NSW.

The compensation they receive is a fraction of those that have Wind or Solar projects built on the property. Local Councils and some community organisations are also receiving far greater payments than the Landholders having to host the Transmission line.

Property owners that host these huge transmission lines will see their valuable asset greatly devalued and, in some cases, it will make it virtually impossible to continue to run them as an efficient farming enterprise.

Those landholders under acquisition orders are only being offered three to four times less than the true value of their properties.

Some of the smaller properties will be virtually unsalable once the line is built over their land.

If this project must go ahead then the power lines should be put underground. If this is not possible all affected parties should receive fair and EQUAL compensation that is equivalent to what those hosting Wind and Solar installations receive.