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

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The hypocrisy of our decision makers in our parliaments knows no bounds.

Since the first enquiry council has had more time to determine the extent of the future disruption to farming, the potential lowering of property values, the subsequent negative economic repercussions, the immeasurable mental anguish brought to our community, and the **total lack of equity** (as well as empathy) shown.

The latter, 'the total lack of equity,' needs some further explanation...

Rural areas are being industrialised for the benefit of the 87% or 22 million people living within 50km of the coast who, by and large, support energy transition, yet are unaffected by the infrastructure required.

Council believes the adage, "Do what we say not what we do" rings true. We cannot imagine wind turbines off Bondi, or Narrabeen, with the supporting high voltage transmission lines destroying the lifestyles, property values, and ability for Sydneysiders to make a living being considered by our so called 'representatives', yet that is exactly what is being forced upon us.

We hear "it's too expensive" to underground the lines. Yet the expense, to be borne by rural farming communities - our lands and livelihoods being vandalised and sabotaged - is considered fine by our political masters and those electricity consumers (and voters) who don't care about us: out-of-sight, out-of-mind.