Supplementary Submission No 6a

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

Name: Mrs Rosemary Miller

Date Received: 6 November 2023

Cate Faehrmann Committee Chair

Inquiry into the Feasibility of Undergrounding the Transmission Infrastructure for Renewable Energy Projects.

Dear Cate

In my second submission supporting the **undergrounding** of the above Infrastructure, I firstly wish to apologise for a mistake I made in my first submission in reference to the coauthor of the Amplitude Company Report; I wrote Ken Berry when it should have been Ken Barber.

Among the many other concerns I mentioned in my previous submission about HumeLink being constructed above ground, I wish to also emphasise the widespread mental stress among effected landholders. I have attended several CCG Meetings conducted by the Transgrid Company and witnessed great distress, as was the case in a recent meeting when a landholder walked out in tears when Transgrid refused to answer to her questions of pylon locations and access roads on her property. Another member of the committee was unable to attend the meeting because of her current mental state. After a precious meeting I was speaking to a couple in their seventies whose farm will be cut in half by HumeLink. They were so upset. They told me they had put all their money into purchasing their farm, which was in a neglected condition, when they were first married. After living in a caravan for several years, they eventually built a house and after years of hard work restored the property into the successfully productive farm it is today. To me the fact decent, law abiding, hard working owners of productive farms are subjected to such bullying and disrespect by Transgrid is disgraceful.

I am also very concerned about the current evidence of **overhead** transmission lines causing the death of many birds including Wedgetail Eagles. It's bad enough with the already occurring loss of bird and bat life brought about by wind turbines.

I thought we were aiming to protect our precious wildlife not destroy it. It seems I am mistaken.

Yours faithfully,

Rosemary Miller

Rosemary Miller.