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

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The Director,
Select Committee on the Feasibility of Undergrounding
Infrastructure for Renewable Energy Projects,
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Macquarie Street,
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Dear Director,

Re: Feasibility of undergrounding the transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects

I appreciate the opportunity to address the critical matter of the feasibility of undergrounding transmission infrastructure for renewable energy projects.

I am writing to emphasise the importance of further investigation into the undergrounding of transmission infrastructure for Transgrid's Humelink project, which will connect Wagga Wagga, Bannaby, and Maragle.

As the Federal Member for Hume, a significant portion of the proposed transmission line intersects with my electorate. Over the past 12-18 months, I have engaged with numerous affected landholders who express legitimate concerns about this project, particularly regarding its potential impact on visual aesthetics and land values.

The challenges posed by this project are substantial and must be carefully considered by Transgrid and more broadly by the NSW Government.

These challenges encompass environmental, agricultural, and regional community impacts across a wide range of proposed renewable energy projects.

To alleviate these concerns, I strongly urge the Select Committee to prioritise the review of undergrounding the HumeLink project.

Yours sincerely,

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Federal Member for Hume