

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

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I object to the central-West Orana REZ Transmission project.

I, and along with my wife and family, we have made this area home for over 12 yrs. We're situated 17km East of Dunedoo just off the golden hwy. Like all of the families living in the area, it will be detrimental and divid a community.

There are so many negatives to the REZ.

Our area isn't ment to have this large infrastructure, it won't handle it nor do we have the ability to sustain its operation. It won't work on so many levels from being built on prime agricultural land, flood Plains, and having limited resources in the area.

Some aspects that make the project unserviceable are as follows.

Unequipped health resources - we struggle to have health professionals in the townships surrounding the anticipated area. Our communities will not handle the influx of workers, This can be said for our local fire services (RFS and Fire and Rescue). If an emergency event occurs, we don't have enough personnel too accommodate. (Think back to February 2017, Sir Ivan Fires)

Our local roads, Most of our roads are in poor condition and can't handle the transport/traffic righ now as we speak. I can only imagine the road conditions after they start utilising the dirt roads.

The majority of the project that's being built, has to cross the talbragar river and farming flats. Changing the roads to accommodate the Large oversize loads will inherently change the way how the Valley floods in the wet times. This will change the ecosystem in the area along with the farming families that generate the income from these flats.

I bet no nobody would like to wake up in the morning and be staring at either solar panels, turbines and of course transmission lines in their back yard.

What about the financial property loss of land values??? Government going to step in and pay???

On a finishing note...

I and everyone else in the affected areas of Birrawa, Leadville, Dunedoo, Coolah and Gulgong don't want and can't have these large infrastructure projects... it just won't work....