

**Submission  
No 65**

**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,  
Parliament House,  
Macquarie Street,  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Director,

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

Further to my previous submission to this inquiry, I reiterate my support for undergrounding transmission infrastructure and I refer the committee to my initial submission to this inquiry.

After reviewing Transgrid's Humelink EIS, I ask that the below points are considered in addition to my initial submission:

- *There are numerous fire risks associated with above ground power cables.*
- *Overhead cables and towers will impede farming activities.*
- *These towers and cables will be a blight on our beautiful rural landscapes.*
- *Constructing overhead cables without any regard to the concerns and objection by our farming families and rural communities shows a level of disrespect by Transgrid.*
- *The proponents of wind generators and solar farms continue to insist this power is the cheapest so some additional \$\$ spent on undergrounding cables should not pose a problem.*

In order to minimise the above impacts, I urge the Select Committee to recommend undergrounding the HumeLink project.

Yours sincerely,

Jeff Hudson