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

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Submission addressing the undergrounding HumeLink 500KV Select Committee. Whilst I raised this question at the HumeLink Community Consultation Group meeting held on 31st October 2023 in Gundagai.

I received little to nil response from TransGrid representatives at that meeting.

I have asked this question now on multiple occasions besides to the HumeLink Community Consultation Group meeting mentioned here previously at TransGrid HumeLink "Drop in Information sessions" held in Yass.

Why HumeLink if it has to be installed overhead cannot parrallel the existing 03 330KV transmission line West of Yass from structure 267 in attached image or the next structure West number 266 to Chidowla? At both points on the 03 330KV transmission line HumeLink 500KV is within a few hundred metres of the existing easement?

TransGrid have responded that they cannot parrallel the existing 03 330KV transmission line because it passes through Burringjuck State Park which is not true?

TransGrid's second excuse was we have to keep clear of the Jerramiah wind farm at Adjunbilly.

I am asking for HumeLink 500KV transmission line if it must be built overhead to parrallel the existing 03 330KV transmission line West of Yass from the 2 structure numbers mentioned here to Chidowla?

NB no response from TransGrid?

Best regards John McGrath