

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

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In reference to the NSW Parliamentary Select Committee on undergrounding HumeLink 500KV transmission line.

It's an unfortunate case where repeatedly I have been exposed to misinformation from TransGrid's HumeLink Project representatives.

Some verbal some written?

I therefore query the overall transparency of TransGrid when they approach the general public and landholders with reference to HumeLink?

Examples of misinformation delivered to me are as follows:

TransGrid's HumeLink Project representatives attempted to tell me that HumeLink in an overhead form had to overpass 4 132KV transmission lines west of Yass.

There are actually 5 132KV transmission lines West of Yass which I was quickly able to name via their TransGrid designations as in order East to West, the 999 (now redesignated post a substation for connection of Bango Wind Turbine Project. The 999 parallel Yass Cowra 132KV transmission line the 973 similarly redesignated for Bango wind turbine development substation?

Then there's the 99M Yass Murrumburrah 132KV transmission soon to be duplicated on common structures to the 9R0 to facilitate connection of Coppabella wind turbine development should this project go ahead? Then there's the 2 Yass Wagga interconnectors the 990 and 970? 5 existing 132KV transmission lines with the likelihood of a 6th 132KV transmission line? Their response was we made a mistake.

TransGrid's HumeLink Project representatives informing me that the existing 03 330KV transmission line West of Yass passed through the Burringjuck State Park. Incorrect?

Then TransGrid's HumeLink Project team dissemination of written information that HumeLink would parallel the existing 05 Yass Sydney West 330KV transmission line the 05. When I queried their written information asking was HumeLink now to be run South of the Hume Highway East of Yass? They said no.

Well I said according to your written disseminated information HumeLink will parallel the 05 330KV transmission line? No. I showed them their own printed information and they informed me that the person who wrote this was new on the job so I would have to excuse them. No written information from a proponent that is incorrect should not happen? Their written information should have read that HumeLink was paralleling the 051 330KV transmission line Tumut 3 power station to Wagga which would have been correct.

TransGrid's continually referencing massively higher costs for undergrounding HumeLink which has been disproven which now you have much more information on?

Therefore I query why HumeLink cannot be underground considering the amount of fraudulent claims that TransGrid's HumeLink Project representatives have made or proffered what else lacks in transparency from TransGrid?

Respectfully yours John McGrath