

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

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Hi,

Facts: Farmers thoughts are concerned with drought, flood, water, fertilizer costs, feed, cattle prices, staffing, locusts, fires, farming equipment maintenance, fences, fuel costs, mice and mental health - experiencing higher than average suicide rates.

It is not an easy life for those living on the land or those who live in the towns providing (limited) services.

The proposed Central West Orana REZ Transmission now adds new concerns and stresses both during construction phase/s and post completion/operational including and not limited to greater noise pollution, increase in run off and erosion, extra wear and tear on roads, removal of arable farming land, reduced air quality, increase water usage and extra waste and management. There are more undesirable outcomes but for the scope of this objection I shall briefly raise a few more concerns that I don't feel have been adequately mentioned or thought about in prior government consultation.

The Central West Cycle Trail is a wonderful way to see this magnificent country, sadly what is being proposed will affect the cyclists as their safety will be compromised with trucks and other heavy vehicles increasing - this is dangerous and a concern for all road users. This CWS is currently safe and embraced by riders of all ages making it family friendly. Farmstays are popular for cyclists and in general for tourists alike in this region, but one can foresee a drop in visitors as the roads become hazardous and too dangerous for those on holidays, leading to a drop in income for those relying on these tourists. What will become of this community activity?

The glossy black cockatoo - an endangered species, is a stunning bird to see in full flight. What will the government do about this now that the habitat it likely to be destroyed?

Best regards,

Iain