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Dear Sir / Madam,

SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF THE
HUMELINK PROJECT

I hereby submit this response to the Humelink Enviromental Impact Statement report.

I object to the HumeLink proposal on the following grounds

(Please excuse the format of this letter. I am an older citizen struggling with modern technology.)

I am one who lives in the Tumut district who experienced a period of terrible mental instability dealing with unresponsive representatives from TransGrid for several months when the proposed Option #2 500kv transmission line from Maragle to Bannaby was to come through the Lacmalac Valley on the eastern side of Tumut township.

Thirty eight homes were to go on this line mine included . My small property of 44 acres where I run a small herd of high quality Angus Breeding Cattle was to be no more. The toll on my health resulted in a stroke. Another neighboring farmer in the same position had a mental breakdown.

Row Heading

Had the option been to underground that line we would not have been subject to losing our homes and the toll on our health would surely have been minimised . The biggest danger here was the closeness of the lines to our homes and the magnetic radiation effect.

It also meant the bi annual use of a helicopter for aerial weed spraying in an area too steep and rocky for ground spraying would no longer be available.

The Tumut area is not only prone to bushfires , it is also known for a typhoon type of wind that cuts through the timbered hills leaving trees dismembered and devastation in it's path.

One of these typhoon like incidents in the early 2000's destroyed a 330kv transmission tower on Wernatong a property only a few km east of Tumut . Twisted and downed the entire structure.

These high voltage transmission lines do need to go underground . It will reduce the danger of magnetic radiation for those working in the vicinity, make aerial fire fighting much less of a hazard and allow farmers and graziers to continue their food production in safety.

Should these transmission lines and towers go ahead the impact of these unsightly megastructures (in one of Australia's most pristine and populated valleys) will indeed have a detrimental effect on the health and welfare of all those impacted.

Modern technology now allows a more environmentally friendly and far safer format for the transmission of power.

Undergrounding of these lines for our and future generations is of the utmost importance.

Yours sincerely

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