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Dear Sir/Madam,

**SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF THE
HUMELINK PROJECT**

I/we hereby submit this response to the HumeLink Environmental Impact Statement.
We object to the Humelink proposal on a number of grounds, as follows.

The main reason we object is the serious danger of bushfires in our area threatening many lives in this closely settled area. The power lines are a known starter and accelerator of fires with flashbacks and the impediment of any firefighting in the area without aircraft owing to the 'no fly ban' is a huge danger to fire crews nearby. They are not allowed to fight fires near the power lines. The underground option would completely overcome these problems. The high danger from bushfires this summer from global warming for the next 80 or so years makes it imperative the Government decides to do the safe thing. The loss of life could be catastrophic.

If the lines were underground there would be no interruption of the power supply in the event of the fire, imperative for fire fighting.

Inability for farmers to do any cropdusting, weed spraying, drone checking cattle, sheep, water troughs, spray irrigation etc anywhere near the power lines owing to the 'no fly zone'.

No large Agricultural machinery allowed under the power lines, making it impossible for us to access half our property with these machines to feed out or use precision agricultural machinery.

Effects of the Electro Magnetic field on insects, especially bees, vital pollinators for all of our crops. A study by Dr Pawel Migdal from the Wroclaw University of Enviromental and Life Science in

Poland found that bees exposed to High magnetic fields such as those emitted by high voltage power lines presented significant differences in behaviour compared with the unexposed bees. These differences included loss of balance, where bees fell from the walls landing upside down on the floor. Also their ability to forage, pollinate and find their way back to their hive was affected. This could result in the death of the hive.

The effect on people is evident to many of our locals who blame the EMF from the existing 330 Kv power lines on the death and cancers of our neighbours, 3 deaths in one family in 2 years and another neighbour who has lost his first wife to brain tumor and his second wife dying of the same complaint at the moment. They also lost a young horse with a brain tumor, extremely rare in horses. Again close to the existing power lines. The new proposed 500 Kv powerline along side is very alarming, 830 kv all up, running close to our house

The visual amenity would be destroyed, resulting in at least 30% reduction in value of any property as no one would wish to live near these power lines, a big worry for owners who have their life savings invested in their farms.

An increasing interest in our area of Tourism would be affected again because no one want to stay anywhere near a power line.

The loss of biodiversity in the 200 metre wide easements would have a huge impact on many important habitats for not only endangered creatures and plants but reduce the area left for those remaining. It's hard to imagine that any sensible person would argue in favour of the overhead powerline.

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Yours sincerely,

Enduring Power of Attorney

An enduring power of attorney is a legal document that allows you (the 'principal') to nominate one or more persons (referred to as an attorney) to act on your behalf. An enduring power of attorney gives the attorney the authority to manage your legal and financial affairs, including buying and selling real estate, shares and other assets, operating your bank accounts and spending money on your behalf.

The attorney's power continues even if for any reason you lose the mental capacity to manage your own affairs. Once you lose mental capacity you cannot revoke this power of attorney. If you want the power of attorney to cease if you lose mental capacity, use the **General Power of Attorney** form. An attorney under an enduring power of attorney ~~cannot make decisions about your lifestyle or health;~~ these decisions can only be made by a guardian (whether an enduring guardian appointed by you or a guardian appointed by the Guardianship Tribunal or the Supreme Court).

The Prescribed Witness Certificate must be completed. Before acting as your attorney/s, the attorney/s (including any substitute attorney/s) must sign the acceptance section.

Please read the **Important Information** set out at the end of this document. It includes notes to assist in completing this document and more fully explains the role and responsibilities of an attorney.

1. Appointment of attorney by the Principal

I, **Thomas Eyre Forrest Hughes**, appoint my wife **Christine Hilda Hughes** and also appoint my solicitor, **Stephen Edward Martin**, to be my attorney/s.

My attorneys are appointed:

a) Jointly (your attorneys must all act together).

Tick the applicable box below (only one)

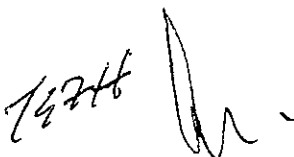
i) I want the appointment to be terminated if one of the attorneys dies, resigns or otherwise vacates office.

ii) I do not want the appointment to be terminated if one of the attorneys dies, resigns or otherwise vacates office.

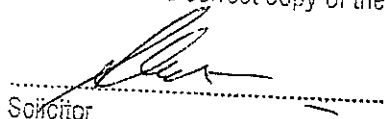
Or

b) Jointly and Severally (*your attorneys may act individually, or together with the other attorneys if they choose*).

If no option is selected or the option chosen is unclear or inconsistent, I intend my attorneys to act jointly and severally.



We, Garland Hawihorn Brahe, hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original.



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