

We Geoffrey Maurice Garner and Catherine Mary Garner of Tandara 5521 Batlow Road Gilmore wish to submit an objection to the Transgrid Hume Link EIS.

We have resided at this rural address for 53 years but have also spent our whole lives living within the Gilmore Valley. We are extremely concerned with aspects of this EIS which will effect both our everyday lives but also our long-term lively hood due to land devaluation and then the loss of equity in our properties.

We found it extremely difficult to get access to the EIS document with me attending one of the EIS consultation days but not been given a hard copy of the report. We do not have internet access at our home and even when I went to the library to see if I could gain access but it was not available. It is only through our neighbor (who has sent this for us) that we have been able to obtain any details on this EIS.

Our house is approximately 300 meters from the proposed HumeLink line (just across the Batlow Road) and these structures will be visually horrible. It has been indicated screening is a possible option but we don't wish to be surrounded and hemmed in with trees in this beautiful area.

We are also very concerned about the ongoing effect to our general and mental health with power lines so close to us, the humming noise will be unbearable and will effect our quality of life immensely. We are in the later part of our life and wish to enjoy the balance in a tranquil environment not being surrounded by steel towers.

During construction the noise, dust, light pollution, increase in traffic and possibility of out of hours work would effect our daily living.

Our beef farming operation is located south of our residence and the towers will be located on our land. This is steep terrain and we are very unhappy about the prospect of having a 8 meter (approximately) road carved into the side of the hill for the access of larges cranes and machinery. Will this be rehabilitated when finished with topsoil replaced, seed sown and then we have the ongoing control of weeds. We have had an existing Transgrid powerline at this location for the past 20 years and Transgrid has done nothing to help maintain that land.

Having been severely damaged by the Dunns Road fire how are we going to be able to fight a fire with powers lines dissecting the property. We can't drive tankers under them, no air craft will be able to help and ground crew will be expected to risk their lives to fight these bushfires by hand. This is like going backward in time. How can this be best practice.

In summary, this project if allowed to proceed with overhead powerlines will destroy this beautiful, calming landscape that we, as well as tourists have enjoyed our whole lives. It will permanently scar the country, de-value our properties which in conjunction with effect the quality of our life for the balance of our years.

This project **must go underground** as a new report has stated it will only cost 1.5 times the cost not the amount Transgid has quoted.

Thank you for taking the time to understand our concerns.

Regards

Geoff and Catherine Garner