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Dear Sir/Madam,

**SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT OF THE
HUMELINK PROJECT – APPLICATION NO SSI-36656827**

I hereby submit this response to the HumeLink Environmental Impact Statement report.

I object to the HumeLink proposal on a number of grounds, as follows:

My submission is brief. In late May 2023 I suffered a stroke which has limited my ability to contribute anything more substantial. However I submit this which reflects my distress at what the HumeLink proposal will mean to my property, "Spring Hill", to my family who will inherit it and to the community at large.

Surely, those of you who look at this submission will understand how utterly devastated I am, like so many others similarly affected, at the prospect of a life's work being so easily tossed aside. And more galling when it has been proved that an alternative is available which over the lifetime of the project, is nowhere as expensive as touted by TransGrid, and is possessed of the advantages of reduced fire-risk in a more uncertain climate and the retention of environmental values which we all say are of paramount importance in a world rapidly dwindling in them.

"All Felled, Felled..."

(On the Destruction of a Sycamore Tree, Hadrian's Wall, and TransGrid's Plans for this Property)

Obviously, an affront or a challenge to them
That solitary it grew and withstood three hundred years,
Spring-leafed, winter spare, a quiet reminder
Of the slighthness of their mortality. And so, cleanly
Their saw ate their irritation and the years of its sure growing.
I say this from a continent uneasy with the gifts
We have taken and laid waste to, while singing
Our fake bonhomie, "She'll be right, mate."

I say this looking out my window to where, soon,
The work of this lifetime will at some hour hear
The arrival of men and then, a chainsaw tearing methodically
Into the life growing there. And afterwards,
The crushed silence. The scent of eucalypts
Persisting for days, useless like grief.
Thank you for accepting this contribution.

I acknowledge and accept the Department of Planning and Environment's disclaimer and declaration.

Yours sincerely,

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