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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 report.

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

.... Increasing the risk with bushfires by undermining ground and aerial firefighting options and potentially starting fires;

- Impeding agricultural operations prohibiting:
 - machinery over 4.3m;
 - o spray irrigation;
 - aerial operations (spraying/fertilising);
 - o the use of drones; and
 - o precision agriculture.
- Undermining tourism;
- Destroying visual amenity;
- Exposing communities to noise the noise from HumeLink, in certain weather conditions, will exceed NSW Noise Guidelines night time criteria at 65 dwellings;
- Undermining regional development by taking the liveability, workability and beauty from impacted regions;
- Causing the loss of biodiversity (HumeLink is significantly impacting matters of national environmental significance) by taking critically endangered habitat from critically endangered species]; and
- Biodiversity risks during construction and later by maintenance crews

Yours sincerely 5/10/2023