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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 main points for your consideration,

- **Bushfire Concerns** – I am current a volunteering member of the Darlow Fire Brigade which I live and work, we were directly impacted in the 2019/20 Dunn's Road fire, where we lost 95% of my in-laws farm including the block we live on, and lost hundreds of head of livestock and countless amounts of trees shrubs not to mention wildlife and ecosystems.

Data shows that the bushfire risk is getting higher as the temperatures are rising with global warming, making towers and lines even more dangerous.

Outdated transmission tower technology significantly increases the risk of deadly bushfires and makes it harder to fight them, threatening lives, property and native animals.

**HumeLink EIS Technical Report 13 – Bushfire Risk Assessment Report**

Inside the report

1. Transgrid do not mention how us as land owners are able to control a bushfire if there is a fire.
2. They do not mention the hazard of their assets (overhead lines) and the increased risks to starting a fire in severe or adverse fire condition including weather.
3. They mention that there are only 16 residents within 100m of the project footprint that are at public safety risks. **What about the livestock, infrastructure (hay sheds, machinery shed water tanks, cattle yards), Mudjarn National Park on our boundary, forestry also on another boundary, the list goes on- that we also have to protect. Not just houses. Transgrid don't see this as an issue.**

4. The EIS states - Electrical faults in equipment can create high ignition risk to adjacent vegetation. The undergrounding would alleviate this happening.
5. The towers could become a security risk to our homes and livelihood. If the towers were to be targeted in the future the country could be at risk.
6. Mental health- as RFS member how can I sleep at night on a hot windy thunderstorm night thinking what if a fire starts and we can't go under the powerlines and the risk if losing animals. I have become depressed since the Dunns Road Fire in 2019/2020 when we had to shot hundreds of sheep that were black, burnt and still alive. Why is the government letting people put overhead towers up when the technology is there to go underground and to keep people safe.

- I acknowledge and accept the Department of Planning and Environment's disclaimer and declaration.
- Declaration of political donations: Yes/No. If Yes, details .....

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Reynolds." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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