

Dear Sir/Madam,

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:

Firstly we are extremely concerned about a number of issues that we face on our property on 305 Webb's road Wyangle Tumut NSW. 2720.

As proposed by Transgrid the transmission line will be situated within fifty metres or so from our boundary fence across the face of one of the largest hills in the Tumut district.

Our paddock that neighbours this hill is very steep and home to large gumtrees and of course a valuable source of underground water that feeds springs and spring-fed creeks that naturally flow through our property.

If transmission lines were to be erected a large road will need to be cut into the side of the hill to accompany the access of heavy and light vehicles as well as large cranes to erect each tower.

We are extremely concerned of the devastation this will have on our ground water supply that naturally flows through our property. This water supply feeds the small creeks and natural springs that open up when dry times are upon us. These are critical water supplies for livestock when dry weather and drought is present.

Another factor is the entrance to our property were at the moment it has an easement for my neighbour to access his property. I have been informed by this neighbour that another entrance road will be constructed on the top side of our ramp entrance along our house paddock boundary fence. If this road is constructed it will prevent vital water run-off flowing naturally through our paddock feeding natural springs which again in turn supplies water to our house creek.

This whole overhead transmission line project will have a ~~devasting~~ devastating impact on our farming abilities if it was to go ahead.

There would be dozens of affected farmers similar to ourselves but Undergrounding Humelink would eliminate all the problems of ground water in our situation. No major roads redirecting water courses, no large crane pads for the erection of the towers which in turn leads to the removal of massive gumtrees that have been there for decades if not longer. Then you've got the ~~devasting~~ devastating visual impact from our house which we would see about six or seven towers from our backyard that permanently scar the beautiful valley that we have lived here for nearly thirty years.

Another disturbing factor for me personally is the lack of communication from Transgrid. Just because a tower is not on my land, they do not seem to care about our situation.

I have not seen any of their ground consultants anywhere near the area I first mentioned is. the large hill of which I mentioned the natural underground water supply. A very poor basic Environmental Impact Statement if I've ever seen one.

The ability to fight a fire is also a major concern for us and a big risk to try and save livestock that will be in the direct line of transmission lines if they go ahead.

Undergrounding has so many benefits in the long term and that is why State and Federal governments need to get this once in a generational piece of major infrastructure done right for all of us and for the future.

Yours sincerely,

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10/10/23.



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