

5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Director – Energy Assessments,  
Development Assessment,  
Department of Planning and Environment,  
4 Parramatta Square,  
12 Darcy Street,  
Parramatta NSW 2150

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.

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

- I. Compensation profile is out of date in respect to property devaluation impact.
- II. Lack of environmental understanding in high rainfall, undulating/hill country with an accelerated erosion potential.
- III. The gross impact that the erection of major pole infrastructure and access road age will have on long term pasture production. This references the negative impact on the use of modern aerial agriculture practice with fertilizer application.
- IV. Loss of established vegetation on sensitive wind/water erosion, loss of biodiversity habitat of current natural bird and wildlife corridors.
- V. Non acceptance of mental well being of affected landholders who have been nurturing their country for decades and now expect strong acceptance of the destructive program and to adhere to Transgrid timelines when you still have to conduct a business on a day to day basis.
- VI. The non action, (after repeated requests to view a recently erected pole line) to personally view the rehabilitation success on skeletal soils in high rainfall country. The failure to allow this, suggests that there is no successful program to assess. The line will be a dedicated erosion zone with long term impact on water quality in drainage line in the Murrumbidgee and Lachlan catchments.
- VII. The lack of disclosure on the Transgrid purchased Riverina property near Deniliquin/Conargo that is essentially treeless and is proposed as an effective offset for vegetation destroyed in the high rainfall localities.

Thankyou you for your time to consider these objective and somewhat personal grievance's to a family who has worked at improving production and landscape stability for decades. We have significant detail on the points outlined if required.

We have supported the need for the project in an underground form.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mark Lucas