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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 am a farmer, father, son and proud to submit- I live in the Bombowlee district and travel to work at Killimicat on my family farm.

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

- It will increase the risk bushfires by undermining the ground and aerial firefighting and the potential to start fires. I won't be able to travel to fire shed if the fire is near the road – I won't be able to travel under them to save livestock. I am a current RFS member and spent time at the 2019/20 fires and what I saw then I should never have to see again – why put the extra risk on the landscape – seeing sheep burnt black but still alive was terrible.

Agriculture –

- We won't be able to use machinery over 4.3 m.
- Aerial spraying & fertiliser application will be hugely impacted as the majority of the proposed corridor is very steep terrain and has low vehicle access on the corridor - aerial application is the only way to apply the fertiliser. - it has been indicated that aerial contractors won't want to get as close as 800m either side of the towers so it could ultimately leave 608 ha of land not being about to have aerial application at correct dosages. (3800m x 1600m = 608ha) so half the farm!!! Transgrid offered a Drone that spreads 80kg per load – we order around 100tonne- I'm not even going to calculate how long it would take to spread.
- As the world get better technology - the towers can ultimately prohibit us advancing – as the towers could interfere with new technologies and precision agriculture.

Visual – I live in a beautiful valley – and my house is kilometres from the transmission line I will be able to see it from 3 side of my house including my bedroom and kitchen – I don't get compensated for that.

The list goes on. But here is few of my concerns

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

Yours sincerely,

Huw Lucas