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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:

- **Bushfire Risk** - It will increase the risk bushfires to our district. As an RFS member we won't be able to access our livestock or get to family members houses to protect them and their houses if the bushfire is in the vicinity of the overhead powerlines, we were impacted by the 2019/20 fires and it was a terrible situation to be in and if aircraft can't fight the fires then the community and the people that live in it are at risk.
- **Community concerns** - For some members of our community, the HumeLink proposal has prompted what I call it 'social anxiety' and has caused division in the community, as they fear destruction to their family homes and properties that have been held dearly in their hearts for generations & it has placed stress on members of my family and the community, I grew up in.
- **Environmental Concerns** - clearing of bushland and farmland ruining native flora and fauna and the ecosystems they live in while increasing the risk of erosion on farmland that has been looked after for by farmer over the years.
- **Biosecurity Concerns** – The risks are a huge problem for all of the HumeLink project if the towers are erected or buried, and considerations need to be taking into how the government will manage a huge outbreak of disease if caused from construction of the project. Eg Foot & mouth and Lumpy Skin.

I am directly and indirectly affected to the transmission lines in 4 different areas along the Humelink proposed line. I am a father to 4 girls and I am a 4th generation farmer and work on my family farm in the Yaven Creek area. I would support the undergrounding of the route and think the government need to really consider the option and make the right decision for the state.

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

Yours sincerely,

William Reynolds