

Submission to NSW Planning Portal – Hunter Transmission Project

Application Number: SSI-70610456

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To Whom it May Concern,

Submission Title: Objection to the Hunter Transmission Project – Mount View Road, Millfield Owners.

We are writing to provide feedback to the proposed HTP Corridor.

Whilst the submission does not allow us to tick both the boxes *I'm providing comments and * I object to the project... the option chosen of *I'm providing comments should not be taken as our approval of the project.

Rather than question the feasibility of the entire project, our focus here is to reflect on the specific topic of Energy Co's decision to use Mount View Road and Mt Baker Road through the construction phase.

Millfield has a small population of less than 1500 and is a small rural community. Mount View Road is used by around 50 local residences, but the proposed traffic flow will be immensely disruptive, both from a visual and noise perspective. The road is mainly a narrow, winding dirt road and as such is completely unsuitable to support the type and volume of the traffic proposed. Other access routes have to be considered, even creating a new road that will have less impact and will be much more direct.

Mount View Road runs on the edge of a 'bowl' where any noise levels are accentuated. Having hundreds of construction vehicles driving along every day will have a huge adverse impact not only on the residents of Mount View, but the Millfield community as a whole. Just look at what is happening along Wollombi Road in Cessnock. Please listen to the voices in the community.

Mental Health is a key factor for why people live in the country, therefore what measures have you directly considered in your decision making process as to the stress that will be endured by the community through this whole construction process and the resulting damage to our environment and vistas.

Surely access can be made within the actual corridor?

There has also been proposed worker accommodation and construction sites on Wollombi Road and Mount View Road with operations running seven days a week for 2 ½ years or more which poses a real issue with threats to local amenity, safety and the quiet rural community which we have all moved to this area for.

We therefore request that the NSW Planning Authority reconsider approving the use of Mount View Road and Mount Baker Road by Energy Co for the construction of the HTP in order to protect the interests of local residents and environment and to explore less intrusive alternatives.

Regards

Stuart and Robin Brigden