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Dear David,

Thankyou for coming to visit our property last week to discuss our concerns regarding the Transgrid Energy Connect project.

Following from our conversation, we wish to provide a summary of our concerns.

At this current time, the proposed route of the power line will run along the fence line of our neighbour's (Matthews) property. While the residence on that property is more than 1.2km from the line, our residence is approximately 800m from the proposed line, greatly impacting our northern aspect, with the indoor and outdoor living areas of our residence all along this northern side, which at this time include uninterrupted views to Galore Hill. Our residence, built only five years ago, was designed to take full advantage of these views. It is our understanding that in general terms, residential properties within 1km of the line are entitled to compensation where the residence is on the same lot as the easement. We would argue that it would be reasonable that we should also receive compensation since the line will be actually closer to our residence than other landholders already involved in negotiating compensation. We also understand that with the increase to a 500V line, the tower structures are even more substantial and therefore a greater visual impact. As you are aware David, I was one of the community members who spoke at the public meeting of the need for the line to be moved south of Lockhart so as to not impact the many residences of the town. Transgrid acknowledged this and moved the line further south of its original proposed route which has obviously resulted in a greater impact to our family's residence and business.

In addition to the disruption of views from our residence, we have several concerns relating to our farming business.

- We have a GPS base station on our property operating to paddocks within a 25-30km radius. This base station is essential to our farming operations all year around and runs on a VHF frequency. It is imperative that there is a clear undertaking from Transgrid that there will not be any type of interference (e.g. electromagnetic) from the power line with the base station and general GPS operations, both for ourselves and for other subscribers to the base station (approximately 30 other farming operations).
- In addition to the base station issues, it would also be important to be assured GPS operations performed parallel to the line itself will not be interfered with – our farming operations stretch approximately 5km alongside (within 200m) of the proposed line.

- We would also like to be informed of how the power line may impact other farming operations along our boundary fence – for example aerial spray operations – how close can a crop spraying plane get to the power lines? This could also affect whether crop along the boundary fence could have spray applied at certain times and this could ultimately affect our annual income.
- Affecting both our farming business and our residence – will our mobile phone service and/or NBN fixed wireless signal and supply be affected? Currently our service is from Lockhart township/Galore Hill and the proposed power line will be between the towers and our residence/farming operation. Again, we need to be informed about the likelihood of such disruption and what remedial action will be taken by Transgrid if required.
- We also lease the Butler property which is located on the eastern side of the Matthews property in a long-term lease agreement and the proposed powerline also poses many potential issues to our farming operations on that farm as the easement will adjoin the farms boundary.

We appreciate at this time that the course of the line is unlikely to be changed due to our concerns, but we strongly believe that it is in the interests of both parties to have discussed and agreed to outcomes before the project moves to building phase. Since we are going to be significantly affected by the proximity of the line to our residence and farming business, we require that Transgrid continue to negotiate with us regarding plans for ensuring our concerns are addressed and we will make ourselves available for continued discussions until we receive a suitable and fair outcome.

Yours sincerely

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