

Australian Energy Regulator

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Re: Victoria to NSW Interconnector West: VNI West) (NSW) Draft Route report – NSW- Route 'C' & C1;C2;C3 & C4

Dear Sir/ Madam

We are writing again concerning Transgrid's release of their new preferred draft route for the VNI West (NSW) link to Dinawan.

There are many flaws in this preferred route and needs more time to select a preferred route. It has been hurriedly prepared and pushed through a consulting process and hasn't taken into regard property owners agreed proposals.

The release of the document needs to be stopped before legal challenges and investigation occurs.

Routes with little or nil constraints have been dismissed and proper consideration has not been given to them.

A preferred route chosen has many constraints and Transgrid ignored its many reasons, themes and key issues including the 'precautionary rule' when dealing with 'endangered Flora and Fauna' through Windouran Pastoral Coy. Pty Ltd.

We have formulated a new route, which has the agreement of landholders concerned. This preferred route C4 allows more renewable Energy to be harvested and leads to a speedy resolution of the VNI West (NSW) project.

AER should quickly address this issue and stop Transgrid from releasing its new report until the matter has been resolved

Sincerely,

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