

To whom it may concern,

I put forward the following ongoing arguments to the Humelink proposal:

As an electricity consumer and farmers daughter detrimentally impacted by the proposed Humelink the regulator should be protecting us from

- undue harm when this project has not been managed effectively from the get go (reference - 2x public inquiries)
- and any unnecessary and premature bill increases.

Corners have been cut for Transgrid to get their project over the line and communities across NSW are well aware of the corporate greed and ignored fair processes that should have been followed.

"The duty of the AER is to ensure that the Rules have been complied with both in the spirit and in the letter of the law." - James Glissan AM ESM KC

Transgrid should be requested to re-submit the Contingent Project Application, because they weren't eligible to submit the one that AER is currently assessing.

They failed on point three, 'most recent Integrated System Planned'. (clause 5.16A.5 (b1))

AEMO skipped rules around the mandated consultation, and AER have admitted they never enforced the matter. AER also didn't issue any kind of 'waiver', the 'update' to the 'most recent Integrated System Plan', with the 'update' really not having any legal standing.

The old 2022 ISP would have shown HumeLink at the new cost has negative benefits, and should be cancelled.

Further, there is no rush to get this project right. Right for the environment, right for regional communities, right for our farm lands, right for our safety and right for consumers.

Putting it underground is putting it right!

HumeLinks purpose is to connect Snowy 2.0 which will not finish before 2030 at the rate Florence is moving.

There's just no rush for this damaging transmission project at all. Please consider putting the people first and following a procedurally fair process.

Kind regards,

Farm worker, safety specialist, consumer.