

To AER:

I am writing as a concerned Australian citizen to express my opposition to the premature approval of the HumeLink project. I believe it is crucial for the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) to enforce regulatory compliance consistently and fairly, prioritizing consumer protection over corporate interests.

TransGrid's current application does not meet the requirements set out in the National Electricity Rules, and must be re-submitted in full compliance with all regulatory standards. Additionally, the 2024 Integrated System Plan inaccurately models the approved project timetable and relies heavily on achieving an unrealistic renewable energy target, making the current investment in HumeLink premature and risky.

I simply ask, what is the hurry to destroy Australian rural farms, lifestyles, and our biodiverse landscapes. I draw your attention to the latest report by Adj Professor Stephen Wilson.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1iSEaM7PcgZaWa9LHRw1uSQp8fDOhYlup/view?usp=sharing>

Moreover, TransGrid's mistakes, such as prematurely locking in contractors, should not result in financial penalties being passed on to consumers. The AER must hold TransGrid accountable for its errors and ensure that shareholders bear the financial consequences.

I urge the AER to reject the premature approval of the HumeLink project to protect consumers from unnecessary costs and uphold the integrity of the energy regulatory framework. Additionally, the fast-track renewable energy transition may have negative impacts on wildlife and the environment and lacks social license.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I would appreciate a response.

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