

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.

**MORE QUESTIONS!!!**

Do they need more transmission line infrastructure if nuclear power generating plants are retrofitted to the 7 defunct (or nearly defunct) energy power generating facilities?

Should Australia hold off until a change of Government is secured?

Proposed (??) WINDFARM at NANNEELLA should be immediately scrapped.

STOP this NETT ZERO madness.

As it has been proven overseas it does not work and the COSTS far outweigh the minor 'benefits' apart from the TOTAL ENVIROMENTAL VANDALISM that happens building, maintaining and decommissioning these windfarms and solar fields.

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

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