

I am writing to express my opposition to the premature approval of the HumeLink project. Here are several reasons why the current application should be reconsidered to ensure that consumer interests are protected and regulatory processes are followed correctly. These include:

- Enforcement of Regulatory Compliance
- Re-submission of Contingent Project Application
- Issues with the 2024 Integrated System Plan (ISP)

The business case for HumeLink is heavily dependent on achieving an 82% renewable energy target by 2030. This will never happen.

The feasibility of this target is not supported by realistic assessments, making the current investment in HumeLink premature and risky. In conclusion, I strongly urge the AER to reject the premature approval of the HumeLink project.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Sincerely,

Paul Montgomery