

I'm an electricity consumer as well as a landholder/community member who is impacted by the devastation of Humelink. As a consumer I want the regulator to protect me from any unnecessary or premature bill increases by only approving funding for projects when they are needed (not ahead of time) and only if they have a robust triple (financial, environmental and social) bottom line net benefit.

If new transmission infrastructure is necessary I want to ensure that we as consumers are paying for the 'right, next generation, world's best practice' infrastructure that doesn't have disastrous costs for people, communities, agriculture and the environment.

So far this is not the case, there have been so many bad decisions based on incorrect or inadequate data, and we are in danger of being stuck with massive mistakes and bad outcomes. If the role of the AER is truly "Ensuring energy consumers are better off now, and in the future" then HumeLink must be seriously reviewed.

Don't approve funding for HumeLink in its current form as an overhead option.

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