

Hi AER

Re Transgrid's HumeLink stage 2 proposal

As a consumer of energy I am against providing funding for HumeLink, which modelling shows will lead to an increase in my electricity bill.

The regulator should put consumers interests above corporate profits and always follow due process. I note that the AER has previously bypassed due-process, with Transgrid being favoured over the consumer by choosing which requirements and guidelines to follow, which it does not actually have the power to do.

I also understand that not providing funding may be financially deleterious to Transgrid. This should not concern the AER - electricity consumers should not pay for Transgrid's commercial decisions.

The funding should be at least delayed until such a time as HumeLink shows net benefits to consumers.

Thank you for the opportunity to put forward my opinion.

Regards
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