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Mr Sebastian Roberts
General Manager Regulatory Officer
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RE: APPLICATION BY MURRAYLINK FOR REGULATORY STATUS

THIS SUBMISSION IS MADE IN FAVOUR OF MURRAYLINK TRANSMISSION COMPANIES APPLICATION TO THE ACCC FOR CONVERSION TO A PRESCRIBED SERVICE AND MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE REVENUE FOR 2003-2013

Dear Mr Roberts,

PROPOSED MILLMERRAN TO MIDDLE RIDGE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

FINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
PART A. 1.(b) CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES 18/03/03

The future economic activity in our area south of Toowoomba on the Great Dividing Range is eco-tourism. We believe that eco-tourists require untouched vegetation to view and study the birds and animals that thrive in our area.

Key physical and engineering constraints that preclude building an aerial transmission line with 50 metre high towers include mountainous terrain, endangered ecosystems and extreme weather events. Approximately 40km to our north a 275 Kv transmission line with 50 metre high towers, passing through similar terrain to ours has fallen down twice in the past 12 years. This line is subject to twisting cyclonic winds in severe storms. The present easement near us is in a storm path which storms pass along during the summer storm season. A storm in 1976 which followed this path, which also follows the easement line for about 3-4 km, caused millions of dollars worth of damage to Toowoomba. Another storm in 1991 had severe winds and hail chunks approx. 50mm in diameter.

Building the transmission line underground would avoid these hazards.

Building underground does not fit the cheapest option.

Building underground does fit the concept of minimising overall costs to the community in expensive repairs and loss of service to consumers.

So far Powerlink has not considered alternatives as the CEO Mr Gordon Jardine insists the ACCC forces him to adhere to the cheapest option.

Yours sincerely

B.J. Walker

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Lockyer Valley TOURIST DRIVES

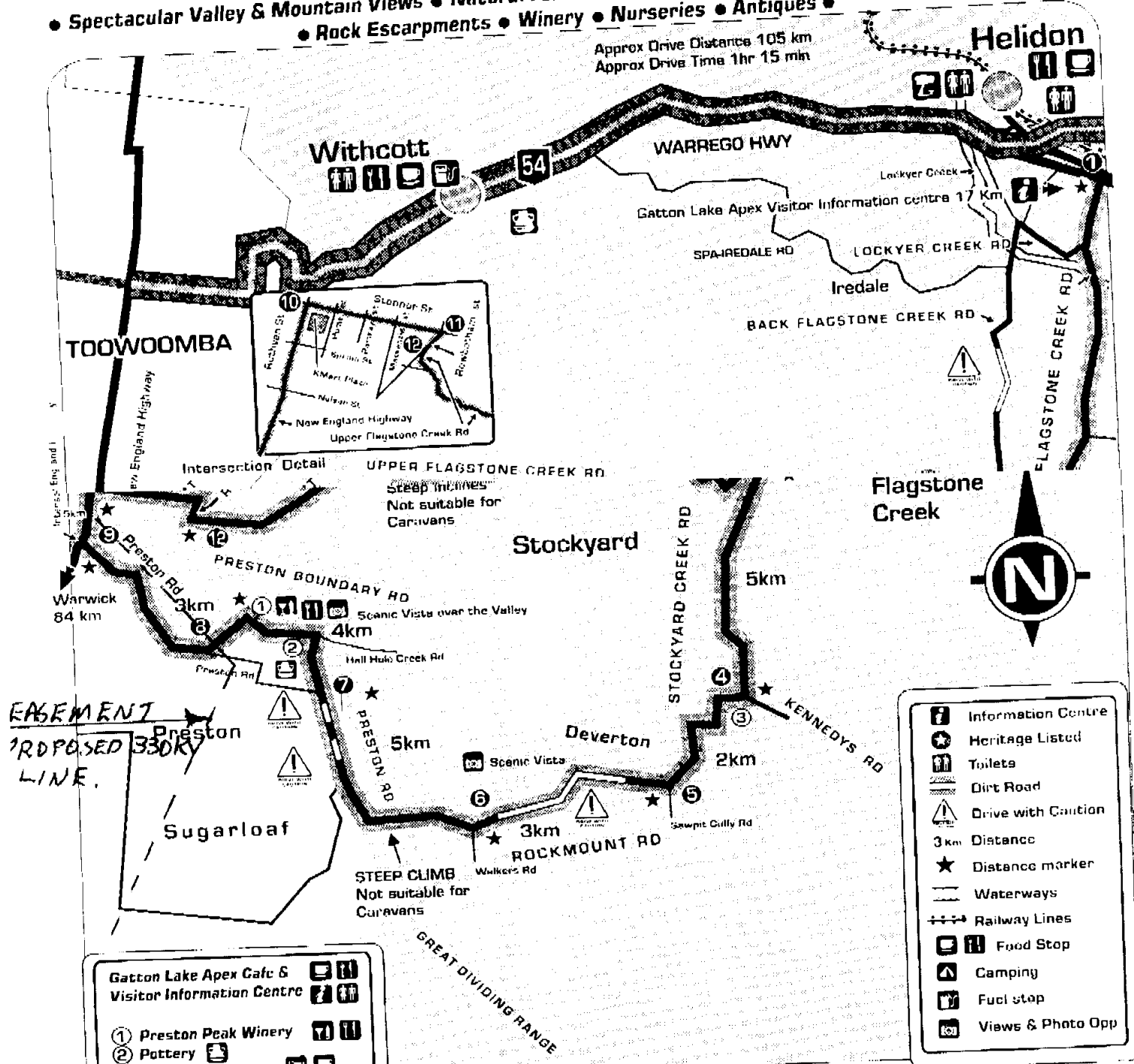
Wine & Rock DRIVE

Visitor Information Centres
GATTON: 5462 3430
LOCKYER VALLEY: 5465 7642



- Spectacular Valley & Mountain Views • Natural Forest • Camping Areas • Dairy Country • Horticulture •
- Rock Escarpments • Winery • Nurseries • Antiques •

Approx Drive Distance 105 km
 Approx Drive Time 1hr 15 min



*EASEMENT
 PROPOSED 330KV
 LINE.*

	Information Centre
	Heritage Listed
	Toilets
	Dirt Road
	Drive with Caution
	3 km Distance
	Distance marker
	Waterways
	Railway Lines
	Food Stop
	Camping
	Fuel stop
	Views & Photo Opp

- Gatton Lake Apex Cafe & Visitor Information Centre**
- ① Preston Peak Winery
 - ② Pottery
 - ③ B & B + Gift Shop

Drive Directions

- Starting at the Gatton Lake Apex Information Centre, head west 1.7km towards Toowoomba, on the Gatton Helidon Road. Then take the
- left turn into Flagstone Creek Road
 - Past Back Flagstone Creek Road intersection
 - left into Stockyard Creek Road
 - Past Kennedys Road intersection
 - right into Rockmount Road
 - right into Preston Road
 - right into Preston Boundary Road
 - right into Preston Road
 - right onto New England Highway
 - Right turn into Slenner Street for 3.5Km
 - Right turn into Rowbotham Street
 - Left turn into Upper Flagstone Creek Road
 - Connecting with Flagstone Creek Road
 - Past Back Flagstone Creek Road intersection
 - Left turn into the Helidon Gatton Road, returning to Gatton via Grantham.

Alternate return option:
 Take the New England Highway passing through Toowoomba to right turn into Murphys Creek Road. Returning to Gatton via Spring Bluff & Murphys Creek Helidon & Grantham. See Drive Map SPRING BLUFF DRIVE

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