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Re: Underground Electricity Cables

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of our committee representing the Willow Vale residents, as we understand that you have the task of investigating the differences of underground power reticulation compared to overhead transmission lines, the relative costs of both and the effect that overhead power lines have on health concerns of people from radiation.

We believe that present practice by power authorities is to continue with overhead lines based on costings that are out of date for the alternative of underground. This is evident with the present Powerlink project where 275kv lines are to be installed between Greenbank and Molendinar on the Gold Coast.

Powerlink has claimed that underground lines are over 10 times more costly yet the Murraylink underground project has shown that this is far from the real difference.

Surely with today's technology and an up to date costing we feel that any difference in over all cost of such a project would be off set by the ongoing maintenance of the site where overhead lines are used and the reduction in health related effects and costs for people living within the area.

We hope your investigations prove that we can do things better and not stick to our old ways because we find it easier to do so.

Yours Faithfully

Mike Snare  
Co Chair Willow Vale Residents Group

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