



13th October 2021

Mr James Hayes
Mayor, Snowy Valleys Council

Dear Mr Hayes

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Tumut Region business community to ask for Snowy Valleys Council to consider it's public position regarding the Humelink Transmission line.

We have received numerous communications from concerned member businesses that Snowy Valleys Council has not taken a definitive stance on issues being raised in the community.

These main issues include, but are not limited to:

- Towers should in the main be built on public land where it is adjacent to private landholders to help maintain the value of those affected landholders
- An Annual Income similar to the wind farm models is the preferred compensation strategy rather than Compulsory Acquisition being proposed. The very large easements required by these high voltage transmission lines substantially limit the farming practices and the commercial return from the usage of the land.
- A reduction in amenity & a less attractive landscape will negatively impact the tourism activities of Council and private operators. This is especially important as Council attempts to attract significant investment into the region for a resort style facility.
- Future proofing of the route for further transmission lines so that the Snowy Valleys LGA does not become a "birdcage" as subsequent pumped hydro projects are developed in the Snowy Mountains.

The Chamber requests that the Council have a public policy on this matter and that it be in alignment with the views of the ratepayers. In addition, Councillors need to be part of the advocacy program at all levels of government including forming alignments with other affected LGAs.

Please contact me at any stage to discuss this matter

Your Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Randall".

Natalie Randall
President