

## Community Engagement Review

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**To:** Community Engagement Review  
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To whom it may concern,

Just some quick points regarding the transition to renewables:

1. There can be no climate action without building renewable energy infrastructure

Our power grid was built for coal power, not renewables. Without new transmission lines, we can't build and connect the critical renewables needed to close coal and gas in line with what the science tells us.

Transmission and new renewable generation are essential public infrastructure.

2. Communities can benefit from clean energy development if it is done in a way that is just, equitable and sustainable. This means engaging and sharing benefits with communities and ensuring the least impact development possible, that fosters support among host communities. Project proponents have a key role in ensuring transmission projects deliver for people and nature.

Communities hosting transmission lines must be involved in pre-decision planning to ensure local impacts are minimised and genuine benefits achieved. Transmission companies have a responsibility to ensure that the people who are directly impacted, including Traditional Owner groups and local environmental groups are active participants in the planning process.

State and Federal Governments must make sure nature, communities, workers and consumers are protected as we transition away from fossil fuels. The transition to clean energy is likely to be bumpy at times, governments have a key role to smooth this path and ensure protections are in place for people and nature.

3. The risks of inaction due to lack of social licence are catastrophic

Yours sincerely,

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