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To whom it may concern

There is no transition to renewable energy without building new infrastructure. Our 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.
We are in a race, which we are losing, to rapidly reduce emissions and keep global warming within 1.5 degrees. We need to use every tool at our disposal to achieve this. We have less than a decade to change course, and transmission is critical to achieve this. As UN Secretary-General António Guterres has said: “Our world needs climate action on all fronts — everything, everywhere, all at once”.
Not building renewable energy infrastructure will mean more coal and gas power and more emissions. Our transmission network is already at capacity. We need more capacity to come online so we can build the renewables needed to replace coal and gas power. As we hurtle towards climate catastrophe, we cannot run the risk of increased emissions. We need to be doing everything possible to reduce them.
We need the small stuff AND the big stuff. Rooftop solar can do a lot more, but we’ll need large scale renewables too. As we electrify everything - including vehicles, heating, homes and businesses - we’ll need twice as much power as we need today, and that power must be renewable!
Transmission and new renewable generation are essential public infrastructure. Like our roads, train networks, broadband, and other major infrastructure projects, transmission is critical to ensuring all Australians have access to clean, reliable and affordable energy, and our industries can power their operations

Yours sincerely,
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