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I fully support a rapid transition to renewable energy and I am pleased that the government is holding an inquiry into community engagement. Without proper consultation there is the risk that misinformation and conspiracy theories about government / big business interference can take hold.

Supporting the development of forms of renewable energy is critical but so is the need for transmission etc of that energy to where there is demand.

At the same time the affected landholders and communities need to understand what is being planned and be given the opportunity to respond. For their sake but also for the potential success of future projects.

In addition the environment needs to be protected. Wholesale land clearing for establishment of renewable energy projects and transmission lines have the capacity to destroy vulnerable habitats and put further pressure on vulnerable species.

Therefore both environmental and social impacts need to be properly assessed when planning locations and transmission routes.

That way irreversible damage will not occur while limiting climate change will also be addressed.

Yours sincerely,
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