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Our grid was built for coal power, not renewables. There can be no climate action without building renewable energy infrastructure. 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. Not building renewable energy infrastructure will mean more coal and gas power and more emissions - leading to planetary disaster.

If we do renewable energy development right - for people and for nature - we can all benefit: lower power prices, local jobs and economic development, community enhancement and renewal, cleaner air and more robust ecosystems. If poorly planned, transition to clean energy will have impacts on people, land and nature. But the impacts of catastrophic climate change will be much more damaging. Governments must ensure policies, frameworks and planning regimes for clean energy development robustly consider, avoid and minimise impacts on people and nature.

Governments and renewable energy companies must do their part to ensure community engagement is done well. This means engaging and sharing benefits with communities to foster their support.

The risks of inaction due to lack of social licence are catastrophic. The biggest threat to nature is catastrophic climate change, and therefore decarbonisation of our energy system in a sustainable way is of the utmost importance. To do this, we need a strong social licence for the required infrastructure development. We are already well behind where we need to be after ten years of inaction at a Federal level. We are way behind other countries in building the transmission and renewable energy we need to stop burning coal and gas. We need all hands on deck to ensure we can meet our climate targets while ensuring people and nature are protected.

Yours sincerely,

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