

Community Engagement Review

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Here is my submission:

There is no transition 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 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

The potential benefits are huge. Lower power prices, local jobs and economic development, community enhancement and renewal, cleaner air and more robust ecosystems. There are so many benefits available to us through transitioning away from fossil fuels to renewable energy supported by transmission.

State & 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.

Yours sincerely,
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