

'Submission on CWO Enabling Project Revenue Proposal'

Objection and Condemnation of False Claims and Misleading Propaganda

We absolutely object to the CWO Enabling Project Revenue Proposal, on the grounds of profound factual inaccuracies, reckless misinformation, and a complete failure by EnergyCo, the Consumer Trustee, TransGrid, and the associated regulatory bodies to act in the best interests of the Australian public, environment, and energy consumers.

1. Falsehood of Prudence, Efficiency, and Reasonableness Claims

EnergyCo's repeated claim that "we evaluate if the costs are prudent, efficient and reasonable based on the principles in the EII Regulation" is unequivocally false. In reality, their plans flagrantly defy prudence, efficiency, and reasonableness:

The project recklessly threatens approximately 20,000 square kilometers in the Central West Orana REZ, centered around Dubbo and Dunedoo, causing widespread environmental destruction, ecological harm, and socio-economic disruption.

This is a catastrophic assault on agriculture, local families, and the reliability of Australia's electricity system—an act of environmental and economic vandalism rather than responsible infrastructure development.

2. The NSW Government's Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap Is a Swindle

The NSW Electricity Infrastructure Roadmap is a carefully engineered façade designed to funnel public funds into vested interests and offshore entities under the guise of "green energy."

This agenda:

- Ignores the ecological and social cost of industrial-scale renewable infrastructure.
- Prioritises emissions targets over the fundamental objectives of the National Electricity Law (NEL), such as price, reliability, security, and safety.
- Operates without transparency or social licence, enforcing plans against the will of the affected communities, with no meaningful consent or economic justification.

3. Industry and Regulatory Actors Are Untrustworthy and Non-Transparent

The consortium of EnergyCo, Consumer Trustee, TransGrid, and the Regulator has earned a reputation for deceit, intimidation, and bullying, bulldozing through communities and ecosystems with zero accountability.

Large protests and widespread dissent across NSW attest to their lack of legitimacy and social licence.

4. The Project's Ecological and Public Health Risks Are Ignored

Industrial solar, wind, and battery storage installations:

- Violate national and international environmental standards including the Precautionary Principle, Ecologically Sustainable Development principles, and Australian Drinking Water Guidelines, especially concerning PFAS and other toxic chemical contamination.
- Are linked with environmental pollution, toxic waste generation, and health hazards such as leaching of carcinogenic substances from solar panels and microplastic pollution from wind turbines.
- Are constructed and operated without independent scientific review or risk assessment of their long-term ecological impacts.

5. Modern Slavery and National Security Risks Are Unaddressed

There is no evidence that supply chains comply with the Modern Slavery Act, notably with imports from countries with questionable labor practices.

Furthermore:

The project exposes Australia to significant national security vulnerabilities through reliance on CCP-controlled infrastructure components and supply chains, particularly where there is 46.56% Interconnector control and ownership with the State Grid Corporation of China.

Malicious cyber risks and remote disabling capabilities inherent in foreign-made equipment pose a grave threat to Australia's critical infrastructure and sovereignty.

6. The Integrated System Plan (ISP) Is Fundamentally Flawed

The ISP that underpins this entire proposal is:

- Scientifically and technically unsound, lacking engineering rigor, independence, and objectivity.
- A policy-driven disaster prioritising emissions targets at the expense of system reliability, security, affordability, and consumer interests.
- Widely discredited by industry experts and effectively dead as a guiding document.

7. Economic Licence Has Not Been Granted

The so-called "economic licence" for the Central West Orana REZ is, in truth, forged without community consent, social licence, or genuine economic benefit. Instead, the project will usher in energy poverty, infrastructure unreliability, environmental devastation, and increased costs to consumers.

Conclusion

This proposal, supported by false propaganda and misleading assurances from EnergyCo, the Consumer Trustee, TransGrid, and the Regulator, must be rejected outright.

It represents an unjust, irresponsible, and ecocidal assault on Australia's environment, economy, and sovereignty.

There is no credible evidence that it meets the National Electricity Law objectives or standards of prudence, efficiency, safety, and sustainability.

Australia deserves transparent, scientifically rigorous, socially responsible energy planning – prioritising the domestic use of our own far superior, reliable, affordable, secure, plentiful, Australian benefiting Coal, Gas and Uranium resources with minimal environmental footprint - for our country's benefit - not this ill-conceived, dangerous, and dishonest project designed to advance globalist agendas at ruinous expense to its people and environment.

We strongly urge the regulatory body to act independently and honestly for once by refusing approval of the CWO Enabling Project Revenue Proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

'Save Our Surroundings Riverina'