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DEAR SIR,

RE : SUBMISSION - REVIEW OF REGULATORY TESTS
OVERHEAD / UNDERGROUND LINES.

POWERLINK - QUEENSLAND CLAIMS THAT UNDERGROUNDING
OF THESE HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES IS 10-16
TIMES MORE COSTLY THAN THE OUTDATED OVERHEAD
SERVICE.

THIS IS PATENTLY UNTRUE WHEN WE NOW KNOW THAT
THE MURRAYLINK UNDERGROUND PROJECT AND ALSO THE
QUOTE FOR 12 KLM UNDERGROUND IN CODMERA VALLEY FROM
TRANSENERGIE IS JUST $\frac{1}{3}$ MORE THAN THE OVERHEAD
METHOD. SEE JAN 2003 TRANSENERGIE AUST P/L REPORT
TO POWERLINK.

PRESENT WORLDWIDE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE
DANGERS OF ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS TO FOETUS, BABIES
AND CHILDREN (WHOSE UNDEVELOPED IMMUNE SYSTEMS
CANNOT WITHSTAND CONTINUAL BOMBARDMENT FROM
THE RADIATION) PROVE THAT PUBLIC HEALTH BENEFITS
MUST BE GIVEN EQUAL CONSIDERATION WHEN
DETERMINING COST BENEFITS.

HERE IN QUEENSLAND THESE LINES ARE SITUATED NOT ONLY OVER HOMES BUT ALSO OVER SCHOOLS AND PLAY-GROUNDS. WE CAN HARDLY BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THE DAILY REPORTS OF YET MORE AND MORE OF OUR CHILDREN SUCCUMBLING TO THIS AVOIDABLE DANGER.

THE 18TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHER, EDMUND BURKE, WRITES "BAD THINGS HAPPEN WHEN GOOD PEOPLE DO NOTHING." WELL - OUR COMMUNITY HAS CERTAINLY TRIED IN VAIN AND HAS NOW EXHAUSTED ALL AVENUES IN APPEALING TO OUR STATE GOVERNMENT TO DISCONTINUE THIS DANGEROUS ANTIQUATED METHOD OF DELIVERING ENERGY.

OUR LAST HOPE IS THAT THE ACCC WILL RECOGNISE THAT CHANGES IN LINE WITH BEST PRACTICE MUST BE IMPLEMENTED. WE NOTE THAT MR. GORDON JARDINE, POWERLINK C.E.O (IN HIS SUBMISSION TO A.C.C.C. DATED 28.2.03) SAYS THAT "ACCC DECISION IN FAVOUR OF UNDERGROUNDING WOULD CHANGE POWERLINK APPROACH TO ALL PROJECTS

I URGENTLY SUBMIT THAT POWERLINK BE INSTRUCTED TO USE PRUDENT AVOIDANCE & ACCEPT CURRENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER AND BE INSTRUCTED TO PLACE PUBLIC INTEREST FIRST IN ALL PRESENT AND FUTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AND TO DESIST FORTHWITH IN IMPLEMENTING EXISTING PLANS IN RELATION TO POWER SUPPLY

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YOURS FAITHFULLY = MRS. JOAN MCFADEAN