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MEDIA RELEASE



Sign the Western Victoria Transmission Network Project Petition

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Member for Western Victoria Stuart Grimley MP is sponsoring an e-petition before the Legislative Council that is calling for a review of the proposed Western Victoria Transmission Network Project (WVTNP).

The WVTNP has been mired in controversy since its inception. The proposed transmission corridor has seen staunch opposition from the local community, businesses in the area and a number of councils along the corridor.

The e-petition has been instigated by Kingston local Lou Charleson who has said her community would be detrimentally affected by the WVTNP.

The e-petition expires 17 November 2021. The petition states;

The Petition of certain citizens of the State of Victoria draws to the attention of the Legislative Council the Victorians who will be negatively impacted by the proposed Western Victoria Transmission Network. Our highly productive and rich volcanic soil, invaluable irrigation farmland, unique historic landscapes and natural mineral springs must be protected and preserved.

We object to the current proposed corridor and terminal station site. Using appropriate underground technology along alternative routes such as existing roads or easements would be a more logical decision. It would have a far more positive impact on future generations and ensure our vital food security is neither compromised nor threatened.

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Council call on the Government to work with the Australian Energy Market Operator and review the proposed Western Victoria Transmission Network and seriously look at all alternate options and technologies for a better outcome for all Victorians.

Sign the e-petition [here](#).

Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

“It is clear the community have concerns about the current route of the project. Don’t get me wrong, we are all for new types of renewable energy, but this project is going to severely impact these communities. The government must look at alternatives.

“I am proud to be sponsoring this petition on behalf of Lou and the community. The Government need to take leadership on this project. We are encouraging all locals to engage with the EES process to ensure all potential community impacts are considered.

“I am encouraging everyone who opposes the WVTNP to sign this important petition. Visit <https://bit.ly/3DBxD38> to help make a difference.”

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