



MEDIA RESPONSE

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TOM VENNING BACKS FARMERS CALL FOR ALTERNATIVE POWER LINE ROUTE

Member for Grey Tom Venning has secured ElectraNet's commitment to explore a fifth transmission route after significant community feedback on the Northern Transmission Project's impact on agricultural land. The alternative would run south of Bunday, and run east of Eudunda.

Quotes attributable to Tom Venning Member for Grey

"Community members and landholders across Grey have shared varied perspectives on the Northern Transmission Project, with most feedback centred on the southern corridor linking Bunday to Adelaide."

"Farmers and residents along all four proposed southern routes have raised concerns about the visual impact of these transmission lines and the loss of productive farming land required for the renewable energy infrastructure they'll support."

"Our region has already faced significant pressure from land-use changes. Earlier this year, the State Labor Government stripped EFPA protections from large tracts of land, rezoning large areas to clear the way for up to 61,000 new homes around Roseworthy. Like the farmers I represent, I'm troubled by the sacrifice of prime cropping land. Whether it's housing estates or energy corridors, once that land is gone, we can't get it back."



TOM VENNING MP

Member for Grey



“I’ve had discussions with ElectraNet throughout this process, including a recent face-to-face meeting in Canberra.”

"ElectraNet has heard the community, both directly and through me, and they've agreed to investigate a fifth route option."

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