

# Individual submission



VNI West – Additional Consultation Report

## SUBMISSION NUMBER: P254

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## Submission

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Re: VNI West Transmission Lines – Option 5

Charlton Forum Inc are a community volunteer organisation that represents the interests of the Charlton & District Community.

We would like to express our concern with the lack of community consultation with regard to the VNI West Transmission Lines Project.

We have received overwhelming feedback from our local community, mostly from our farming community and predominantly in the negative.

The proposed transmission lines will have an enormous impact on our community – aesthetically and economically, effecting the value of aquicultural land, operations, production outputs and ultimately the liveability of our community. Whilst there may be some short-term financial gains for our community during construction, it's the long-term outcomes that are our concern.

We are therefore advocating on behalf of our community for beter consultation, more answers, acknowledgment of the impacts it will have on our community and fair compensation if the project should proceed.

Charlton Forum understand the need for improving our electricity infrastructure to accommodate growth in our population and the use of renewables. However, we do not want our community to make serious sacrifices for something that may not be the most economical and efficient option and could result in an inferior piece of infrastructure.

Yours Sincerely,

Carolyn Olive

Secretary, Charlton Forum Inc