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cc:  
Subject: Undergrounding Electricity Cables in NSW

Michael,

I realise this is a day late but I hope it can be included as a submission.

I support the placing of electricity distribution cables underground. Consideration should also be given to including telephone and Pay TV cabling as well to obtain the full benefit. If these are not included we will still have telegraph poles. The only difference will be that ownership of the poles will change.

As there will be significant long term benefits to the electricity suppliers in the way of reduced replacement/maintenance costs the suppliers should bear the costs.

Alternatively the costs could be taken out of the dividends that are paid by the suppliers to the NSW Government. This is on the assumption that the telegraph poles are owned by Government suppliers e.g. Energy Australia.

Alternatively the costs should be borne by the NSW Government on the basis that the benefit is provided to the community as a whole.

I do not believe the costs should be borne by the end consumer.

Thank you

Mr Leigh Fitton