

We act for Melbourne Holdings Ltd.

As an affected landowner in the proposed DCO, we respectfully request that the Examiner accept our client as an interested party for the purposes of the Examination process.

Rights and land required.

The Applicant is seeking the acquisition of a permanent easement and new rights over our client's land comprised within title LL285612. This is best and most versatile arable land and suitable for growing high-value root and vegetable crops supported by the investment in the contiguous 10Million Gallon irrigation reservoir.

Objection.

Our client objects to the project's proposed insufficient cable depth and requests the opportunity to make representations at any examination hearing. The proposed cable depth of 1.2m is not sufficiently deep for the landowners to be held liable for impacting the cable in the future. The proposed 1.2m cable depth might be suitable for combinable cropping. With root and vegetable crops grown on this better land, there is a likelihood of a need to harvest during periods of wet weather to support supermarket contracts. This harvesting sometimes leaves 60cm deep ruts. Post-harvest cultivations are paramount to remove the deep soil compaction through the lower soil horizons. 60cm ruts can be subsoiled at 45 cm. 60cm ruts with 45cm subsoiling are too close to a 1.2m cable. We accept that on combinable arable land, it is unlikely to become deep rutted, and a 1.2m cable depth would be acceptable.

However, on vegetable and root land, it is not deep enough to be safe.

The cables should be buried to 1.5m, with the additional benefit that a deeper cable could be drained over in the future.

The landowner is also a major property developer with significant experience of moling sewer pipes, cables, and other conduits long distances and at depth. The Landowners suggests this cable is moled through his land to leave existing land drains intact and ensure the cables are sufficient deep in the soil profile

Our client is continuing to review the application material and reserves the right to submit detailed objections at the written representation stage, including but not limited to: # Failure to properly consider Environmental impacts and the Impact on future farming.