

Petition Calling for Undergrounding Overhead Cables

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly in New South Wales. The petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:

Aerial cables are archaic, unattractive, unreliable, dangerous and costly. They result in Energy Australia mutilating street trees, degrading our urban environment, and perpetuating the Australian ugliness.

Other Australian capitals, major international cities such as, London New York, Paris and Rome all bury their cables, and in Sydney we should implement twenty-first century energy and telecommunications technology.

There is broad community support for cable undergrounding in metropolitan and regional areas, and from all political parties represented at the 2001 Local Government and Shires Associations conference. Many local Councils are working to underground cables.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal review into the costs, benefits and funding options for undergrounding provided advice that was flawed. Cables Downunder has developed credible funding alternatives that address the Government's stated concerns, including exempting pensioners and those who already have underground cabling, and that show that the benefits of underground cabling outweigh the costs in the longer term.

The undersigned petitioners therefore call on the NSW Government to honour the commitment to an achievable plan to underground aerial cables in New South Wales.

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