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Enter your submission below. Maximum of 500 words: Hello, I support the Australia-Asia Powerlink Project in principle but have concerns about the impact of the HV powerlines and submarine cable on our pristine environment. Cutting a swathe through the Northern Territory for overhead powerlines has the potential to create an ugly scar on the landscape. The easement/corridor will affect local residents and their peaceful amenity. The need for weed management will be critical. Tourism operators will be impacted, taking tourists to the outback and all they can see is hundreds of kilometres of ugly powerlines. I believe consideration should be given to laying underground HV cables. In relation to the submarine cable I have concerns about the impact on the sea floor. We have seen the impact of the submarine gas cable on Darwin harbour, the beaches no longer white due to the sludge, loss of sea grass for the dugongs. We used to see dolphins in the harbour but we don't anymore and fishing was good in the harbour and along the nearby coastline but not anymore. I believe relevant studies must be undertaken to identify the best route for both overland and undersea cables to mitigate the risks that are posed to our natural environment. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. Greater community consultation should be occurring in relation to this project. Sincerely, Sharon Scurr

Acknowledgement

I agree for my submission to be published