

# VFF Statement



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In response to a [recent submission](#) by Professors Bruce Mountain and Simon Bartlett AM on the VNI West and Western Renewables Link.

To be attributed to VFF President, Emma Germano:

*“The Victorian Government must answer questions why it is fast-tracking a project experts say could triple electricity transmission costs, whilst steamrolling our state’s farmers in the process.*

*[The submission](#) put forward by Professors Bruce Mountain and Simon Bartlett AM on the VNI-West and Western Renewables Link suggest it would be a monumental mistake to go ahead with these projects.*

*The Victorian Government must explain to farmers why they are being forced to endure needless anxiety and fear over having their land carved up by powerlines that may provide no benefit to the state.*

*Farmers are white hot with anger over how they are being treated with utter disrespect in this process. They have every right to be.*

*The Victorian Government has failed to properly plan for the transition to renewable energy whilst imposing its targets on the people and economy of Victoria and farmers are being forced to wear the cost.*

*We must get this transition to renewables right. The consequences of trampling over farmers rights will be a double whammy of skyrocketing food and electricity prices for all Victorians.”*

**On background:**

- The VFF is encouraging farmers to have their say by providing their own submissions before they close on [Wednesday 19 April](#).
- Further information, including template submissions can be viewed on the [VFF website](#).

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