

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question one

Lastly, committee, I would like to support, I guess, the Moorabool submission on renewables. Whilst Hepburn shire supports the transition to renewable energy, we have raised significant concerns on the impact of the transmission line, the Western Renewables Link, on our farmers through policy area 1, our agricultural engine room, and we are concerned about the risk to the agricultural capability through there. In the map you saw on-screen the proposed line will bisect Creswick and Clunes; it goes down that line. We call on the committee to really provide guidance in the upcoming environment effects statement process and input your learnings into that process through this inquiry. Thank you.

The CHAIR: Ron, can I just clarify? We talked about how, of the 190 kilometres of the Western Renewables Link, 60 kilometres would be going through the Moorabool Shire Council. Do you have the kilometres for Hepburn?

Ron TORRES: I do not have it on me, but I can provide that.

The length of the proposed route of the Western Renewables Link through Hepburn Shire Council will be 26.21 kilometres.