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## *What's wrong with AEMO's land mapping*

Right now, each energy transition project has its own separate process for assessing how land is affected — something called *land mapping*.

But here's the problem: this approach doesn't account for the bigger picture. With so many projects happening at once — and in some areas, even overlapping — the impact on communities is adding up.

Local landholders and residents are feeling the strain. Not only are property values at risk, but people's connection to their land — their sense of place — is being shaken.

We need a more joined-up approach. Land mapping must become holistic. Rather than a different map for each project, perhaps there should be just *one* — a single, coordinated map showing the full extent of energy infrastructure across the region.

And at the very least, we need to map and value where people actually live. It's hard to believe, but in many cases, transmission companies still can't answer basic questions — like how many homes are within one kilometre of a proposed line.

That's not good enough.

We also need to factor in less visible but equally important values — like liveability and people's sense of place. These must be properly identified, valued, and ultimately compensated.

Because in the end, this isn't just about lines on a map. It's about the lives behind them.