## **VNI West Story**

Our home is located between Wycheproof and Charlton. My wife and I moved here from Bendigo as a new phase of our lives, to be semi-retired. We located a small unimproved property (760Ac), which we purchased, and then some time later started construction of a new home.

Now, we've not long finished construction and find that we will be looking out onto a massive transmission line. It seems the line will be a few hundred



metres away, but critically, not crossing any titles of our property.

Maybe that's the worst of it, maybe not.

Unfortunately, the minute the revised option 5a corridor was published our property suffered a huge valuation fall.



We are not eligible for any compensation.

The final phase of our lives is to be fully retired after selling our property.



Financially, this plan is now at great risk. Once, we might have considered buyers from Bendigo, Ballarat or Melbourne looking for a rural lifestyle,

but no more.

Through no fault of our own, after saving hard, taking minimal risks and not through bad investment decisions, we find that our retirement funds have been dramatically reduced.



This is a conscious government decision to knowingly harm people within the area of the proposed transmission lines.