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Dear Sir or Madam:

Review of Undergrounding Electricity Cables in NSW

I refer to the invitation for submission to the Review of Undergrounding Electricity Cables in NSW following the Premier's decision to examine ways to reduce the number of overhead electricity cables within New South Wales.

North Sydney Council supports the undergrounding of electricity cables to achieve the benefits listed below. Options for funding of undergrounding works should include the possibility of increasing energy costs.

- a Reduced motor vehicle collisions with poles;
- o Reduced losses caused by electricity outages;
- u Reduced network maintenance costs;
- Reduced tree pruning costs;
- Reduced electrical transmission losses;
- Reduced electrocutions;
- Reduced bushfire risk;
- u Enhancement of the Urban Streetscape

North Sydney Council would welcome the opportunity for further input into IPART's draft report and public workshop in April 2002.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joe Zappavigna".

JOSEPH ZAPPAVIGNA
TRAFFIC ENGINEER

