

**BOARD OF INQUIRY
HAUAURU MA RAKI WIND FARM PROPOSAL**

EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF SUBMISSION FROM RICHARD GEMMELL

Introduction

1. My name is Ross Jennings
2. I am the Executive Director of Just The Ticket Ltd. JTT is a film and television production company that produces major programmes for TVNZ, TV3, Sky and Maori TV. I have 35 years experience in the industry and have won awards from all over the world including a Feltex for best TV Drama and a British Academy Award for a children's drama.
3. I am seriously concerned at the proliferation of pylons, large and small, that dot our countryside. For many, they are placed in outback areas away from the general public eye, but for my profession it is the very area that makes New Zealand unique for film and television production and the ever increasing commercial production. International Producers are constantly approaching people like myself to help them find locations depicting the isolation and green pastures that make New Zealand so appealing to international viewers.
4. Finding such ideal locations is becoming more and more difficult with the proliferations of all manner of pollution on our horizons in particular the pylons which can be seen from considerable distances, thus limiting the angles that camera team's can shoot from. The more limitations there are the less visits we will have as Producers will look to other countries that can provide clear horizons.
5. Currently New Zealand enjoys a favoured position in this commercial production world due to the extraordinary exposure we received from The Lord Of The Rings films. It would be a great pity and a major financial loss to this country if too many pylons means a reduction in the number of films and commercials being made here. Keep New Zealand Green is a catch cry that we proudly own and a considered review of any pylon plan that might jeopardize our unique landscape would be most welcome to many Producers and Production Companies from around the world.

Ross Jennings
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