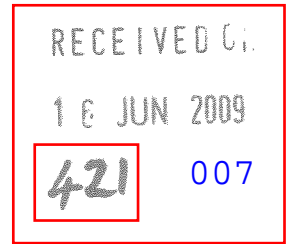


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Hi.  
Please find attached my comments on the Grid Upgrade Draft Decision.  
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Regards.

Kevin Holland.....

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**How do Transpowers planned High Voltage lines running through Waipa District Councils special landscape zones effect natural landscape users, and contravene District Plans under the Resource Management Act 1991.**

Waipa District Council identifies the affected area of Lake Karapiro as a protected high value landscape and has zoned accordingly in its district plan. Property owners in the zone have to comply with strict resource consents when making modifications to their properties.

The towers infringing on this zone are, 289, 290, 291 on the North Bank and towers 291A, 292, 293 and 296 on the South Bank of the river. These are shown on Maps 83 and 84 in Appendix V, maps and plans referred to in the proposed designation conditions. They are accepted to be constructed as single-pole structures (monopoles). The change from the frame constructed poles to monopoles is a form of mitigation of the high visual effects of monstrous high voltage transition lines through a special landscape such as Lake Karapiro.

The constructed poles will have a high visual impact on the following landscape resource users;

- Tourists and New Zealanders enjoying the scenic views of the landscape, and Lake Karapiro from state highway 1.
- Participants, officials and spectators to the 2010 World Rowing Championship held at the North end on the lake.
- Property owners with a view of the planned construction cordon.

Transpower has chosen its route through the landscape that avoids elevated areas, and ridges for the lines, mitigates and reduces visual impact. We say this degree of visual impact mitigation is not enough in the special Karapiro landscape in order to protect this natural and cultural landscape. It has been identified by Waipa District council, as an outstanding natural feature or landscape under section 6 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Compare existing transmission lines built by the department of energy in the 1960s through the Tongariro national park in the central north island. These lines have where able to be built in a nationally special and protected natural landscape. When tourist's visitors to the country drive on the road adjacent, what image to they take back to their home country, great natural snow covered mountains, but all of culturally built transmission lines in a outstanding landscape.

Transpowers, between 54.70m-70m transmission lines built in the Karapiro scenic cordon will severally tarnish an outstanding natural feature of the Karapiro landscape. And will continue to scar the landscape for future generations of people. Is this what we want to leave our future generations?

Building of large power transmission structures can be avoided in this area. Transpower should change their proposal from above ground monopole constructed transmission lines, and plan to install underground transmission through this special area. Doing this would mitigate the High visual and physical impact of these lines through this area that large

transmission lines would obviously create. The areas Natural Beauty would be enhanced even further once the old Pak A lines are removed!

Isn't this the way we want our Special Landscape Area to remain, A Lines Free Zone.

**Lets do it right this time.....**

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