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Hi Steve

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Comments attached as discussed today

Cheers Dennis

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Board of Inquiry
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Dear Chairperson

UPPER NORTH ISLAND GRID UPGRADE PROPOSAL: SUBMISSION ON DRAFT REPORT

The Council makes the following comments on the Board of Inquiry's draft report on Transpower's requirements for designations for the Upper North Island Grid Upgrade Proposal.

1. Landscape Mitigation: Public Land

The Board, in Appendix L, conditions 29 to 33 has proposed a number of landscaping measures to mitigate the visual effects of the proposed structure. Condition 32 requires the cost of the landscape mitigation works to be paid to Council to include '*(...an estimate for a year of maintenance)*'. Council is appreciative of the proposed mitigation and supports the measures. However it considers that as the landscaping is required to provide continued mitigation as long as the structure is visible from public land then Transpower should have some continued responsibility for the cost of this maintenance work. If Transpower is not required to contribute then the ongoing annual costs will fall on ratepayers across the District.

2. Noise Standards

The Board in Appendix L, condition 14 has named the New Zealand standard to be used to measure and assess operational noise. The Council considers that the most recent version of these standards should be used, namely;

NZS 6801:2008 Acoustics – Measurement of environmental sound.
NZS 6802:2008 Acoustics – Environmental noise.

The Council thanks the Board for the opportunity to make further comments and if any further clarification is required please contact me either on 07 884 0060.or 027 4762 580.

Regards

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