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My first reaction when I heard you had approved Transpower's 400kV line was one of devastation. I am still not convinced this is the best solution to guarantee Auckland power. There are several very good alternatives available but Transpower has not allowed them to be advanced, as they do not make money out of alternatives. Should this line be built it will be overwhelming, and condemned by many for the destruction it will cause to the areas it passes through. You may have some support from power companies who plan to make money from this line, but the project as it is currently presented is not acceptable to many landholders and thousands of New Zealanders who are going to be disadvantaged by it.

Transpower's suggestion that power will be delivered to the South Island overnight is unjustifiable when it would be cheaper to generate in the South Island with gas or coal if water is to be stored.

My farm is 80% affected by injurious affection, access and easement. Transpower will enter the farm 2-3000 times at their pleasure, they will enter 20 paddocks, cut down my shelter, rearrange my fences, and not accept total liability for damages. Not all farmers are as badly impacted as I am. My suggestions to the Board of Inquiry that would make the line more acceptable are:

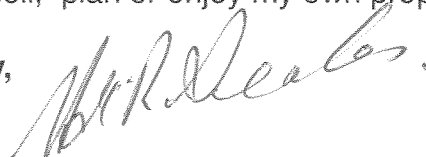
- 1 That No charge for betterment to be made for the removal of the Ari-Pak line.
- 2 That farmers whose farms are badly impacted by the line should have the opportunity to sell to Transpower, at a realistic price.
- 3 Compensation paid to landholders for easement should not be taxable. Transpower consider it a 1000 year lease, but we see it as capital devaluation, and therefore loss of capital and not taxable.

I know these items are not part of the Board of Inquiry's decision making, but they are serious impediments to a successful conclusion of easement agreements. The total project should be put on hold for 10 years or until it is clear where new generation of power will be built. We may well find that a 220Kv line is all that is needed on this side of the Island, and a similar line could be built on the West coast to service the Wind farms and the Stratford Power station

My situation here is very serious. Transpower is holding me as a prisoner on my own farm. I am unable to sell, plan or enjoy my own property. I place my trust in you. Can you help.

Yours faithfully,

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