

BEFORE THE BOARD OF INQUIRY
UPPER NORTH ISLAND GRID UPGRADE PROPOSAL

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF HELEN POLLEY

Introduction

1. My name is Helen Polley, I live in the South Auckland region.
2. I do not have the prospect of pylons going up where I live, nor am I an expert in any of the professions that are linked to the decision making and investigations required for future power generation. My submission is based on the fact that I am a citizen of New Zealand and I think the people of NZ deserve a better option than the proposal Transpower has tabled.

Content

- 1.1. Having followed the course of the proposal I feel that injustice has been done and the whole process has not been reflective of a democratic nation.
- 2.2. Future proofing & fiscal viability needs to go hand in hand. Obviously these have been addressed and discussed, I get the impression that the proposal is not meeting either area very well.
3. As an Auckland resident I would prefer that the Auckland region generates the majority of its own power in the future.
4. Health issues regarding the microteslas from the pylons that Transpower are proposing need to be considered as important.
5. NZ has had a reputation in the wider world as a tourist destination because of our "clean green image". This sadly is becoming less of a

reality but we do still attract the tourist dollar for our outdoor activities & our beautiful scenery. We are going to lose this advantage slowly if we allow these pylons to marr our lovely land. I recognize that there are still many other valleys & places that will not be affected but that it not a good enough reason to turn a blind eye to this proposal.

Summary

1.This is not a case of "not in my back yard". I think the Auckland region does need new generation in our back yard.

2.Recommendations

Equipment required

This evidence will be presented as a powerpoint , a computer with receptacle for a memory stick will be required.