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We make the following submission in opposition to the planned 400KV Pylon upgrade planned from Whakamaru and Pakuranga.

1. Visual Impact

For residents and visitors who use Hunua Road to get access to the Hunua Ranges for their recreational pursuits, the vista of the countryside and Hunua ranges will be completely dominated by the sheer scale of the proposed pylons and the lines that they will support. This area is becoming increasingly popular as the city comes out to meet the country. It is an inappropriate proposal given that New Zealand and New Zealanders are focusing on being world leaders in environmental initiatives, which includes visual impacts.

2. Long term strategy - Overhead vs underground installation

The short-term economic gains of Overhead vs underground installation will have a long-term impact on the effective development of this Northern ward of Franklin.

It is interesting that one argument against undergrounding relates to human error i.e. cable damage. The proposed undergrounding to Otahuhu is in a densely populated area where it is more susceptible to this type of damage, as opposed to the less populated clean green area of Hunua.

This is a green fields development and has the opportunity of doing the right thing by the people by applying best practice as overseas examples being undertaken in Belgium, France and part of Italy and that is to underground all transmission lines.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. We wish to make an appearance to support our submission.

Yours faithfully

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