

My name is John Self and this is a very brief submission to the Board of Inquiry why I object to Transpower's Upper North Island Grid Upgrade Proposal.

I have a 450 acre farm at Tauhei, Morrinsville where there are already two pylons and Transpower proposes to erect a further two huge pylons.

It has been shown by many experienced people that this new line is not a viable solution to Auckland's power needs.

The pylons will be a huge blot on the magnificent countryside they traverse. The many tourists will certainly make objections to them.

The many health issues that come from the electrical current has been well documented, but Transpower still will not listen with an open mind.

The proposed two new pylons are a lot closer to the homestead, and apart from being very unsightly, our long serving farm manager who has a young family has serious doubts of staying on, if they are ever erected due to the many health risks.

The capital value of the property will certainly drop far more than whatever the compensation is offered.

At the moment there is nothing on our land title saying we even have pylons there. The proposed easement will impinge

on our land ownership for all time.

Also the proposed ^{easement} path is far too narrow for the size of these monstrosities. As to compensation, the valuers are poles apart.

A one off compensation allowance is certainly not acceptable and modern business practise would not allow it. Annual payments with a review tied to the CPI index or something similar.

Also I don't believe Transpower has the right to impose their will on the many affected properties.

If for example it was proposed to go underground as it is when closer to Auckland there would not be the huge objections about it. The little extra cost is minimal to the hundreds of thousands of homes power goes into.

I certainly object to the idea as there are more sensible ways of providing power.



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