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Yes: I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission at the public hearing, and expect I will need between one and two hours to present my evidence. I would like the location of the portion of the hearing which will receive my evidence to be held in a local venue near to where I live.
submitter: Robyn Burke
A: copy of this submission has been emailed to Transpower.
Scope: This submission covers all notices of requirements and applications for resource consents relating Transpower's applications that will be heard by this Board of Inquiry. The references are NORs 27619, L07089, DES0011/07, RMR200621, DN/0006/07, 240/021, RM070209, and resource consents 34102, 34370, 34372, 34373, 34711, 34712, 116902, 116903, 116904, 116905, and any other NORs or resource consent applications that may subsequently be filed or altered. We oppose all of these NORs and applications for resource consent.
Re: This submission relates to the notices of requirement and/or applications for resource consent, lodged by Transpower New Zealand Ltd for the North Island Grid Upgrade Project, and identified above.
Remote Name: 125.237.61.76
Date: 04 October 2007

Address:

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Reasons:

I am vehemently opposed to Transpower's intention to build this un-needed line, and can not fathom how the Electricity Commission can now greenlight the revised transmission line proposal when so little has changed from the original proposal except the membership of the Electricity Commission. Where is the power coming from that will be transmitted on these lines, surely it would make more sense to have a generation source closer to Auckland ?

Pylons are not the answer, there are alternatives but more importantly why are energy saving initiatives not being promoted to the greater Auckland public by the ARA and Auckland City Council. What if anything has been done to lessen residential Auckland's consumption of power?

I object to the arrogant way we have been treated by Transpower over the last three years. I fail to see how anyone in their right mind thinks pylons strung across the length and breadth of New Zealand are the answer when we are trying to promote the clean green image for two of our major industries agriculture and tourism.

Better equal benefit alternatives to this proposed line are available that have a much reduced environmental impact, such as more generation in the Auckland region, duplexing and reconductoring of the Whakamaru A, B and C lines, use of HVDC transmission technology which will be less obtrusive and easier to underground, more extensive use of undergrounding of HVAC lines, and consideration of new conventional small scale 220kV transmission lines.

I oppose this line being built on a 65 metre wide easement, when a 600 metre wide easement, free of houses and workplaces, should be required as a precautionary principle to reduce future health risks and environmental impacts.

I oppose large scale HVAC transmission lines being built on narrow 65 metre wide easements because of the EMF emissions and ionized particle emissions that will come from this line, which have been proven to cause numerous diseases, including childhood leukaemia.

I oppose these applications because Transpower has falsely (tried to justify the need for this line being built by using out of date and inaccurately high demand growth forecasts (2005 SOO). Transpower have not considered or included the cost of environmental impacts, medical impacts, or the impacts on tourism and farming industries the two major industries in New Zealand. How can we market ourselves as 100 percent pure, with these monstrosities cutting a swathe through green belts and along the Waikato River, around Maungatautari and also the proposed South Island lines. Tourists do not want to see iron monstrosities they can see them anywhere in the world, they want to see rolling hills, scenic pastures, rivers, bluffs, waterfalls and our native trees and forests. Why does NZ always feel the need to replicate everyone else's mistakes rather than learn from them -overhead pylons are not the way! There are other alternatives, It is almost laughable that last week permission was granted to drill 80 metres down in the Cook strait to harness tidal power. There are plenty of harbours surrounding Auckland and North of Auckland to site similar projects yet this project is to be fast tracked. WHY???. I think the misleading and inaccurate costings of alternatives provided by proponents of these pylons should be re visited and re-considered by a truly impartial Electricity Commission not one stacked with directors and former directors of Transpower, who in my opinion should declare a conflict of interest and not vote. But hey I'm only one of the un-educated residents referred to in Transpowers internal consultation document.

Therefore:

I seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry. That the application for Notices of Requirement and Resource Consents should be turned down completely, and Transpower directed to investigate generation, conservation and transmission alternatives that will avoid this line being built under any circumstances.