

SUBMISSION ON TRANSPOWER'S NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENTS

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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Freeport Grid Upgrade Submissions
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[If you are emailing or faxing your submission, please make it for the attention of "Grid Upgrade Submissions"]

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 on the next page.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5 OCTOBER 2007

Title: _____
My/Our Full Name(s): Clevedon CARES Incorporated
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Wk Fax: _____ Hm Fax: _____ Email: clevedoncares@ihug.co.nz

Please tick the relevant boxes on the next page to identify whether you are making a submission on all notices of requirement and applications for resource consents or just some of them (please identify).

Please also indicate on the back of this form (✓) whether you support, oppose, or are neutral in relation to the notice(s) of requirement and applications for resource consents. If you are making a submission only on parts of a notice of requirement or application for resource consents, please note this when specifying the reasons for your submission.

The reasons for my/our submission are:

Please refer to attached information

If you are attaching further information tick (✓) for yes

Please use more pages if you need to.

I/we seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):

Please refer to attached information

Please use more pages if you need to.

Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (✓)

I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission (to speak at the public hearing).

I/we DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

Signature(s): Mary Whitehouse

Date: 5 October 2007

Secretary, Clevedon CARES Inc.

(Signature of submitter, or person authorised to sign on their behalf is required. Note signature is not required for electronic (email) submissions. If this is a joint submission by two or more individuals, each individual's signature is required.)

Use the tick boxes below to indicate the called-in notices of requirement and applications for resource consents that your submission concerns. Use a clear tick in the appropriate box or boxes (✓).

I/we make my/our submission concerning all notices of requirements and applications for resource consents below.

OR

My/our submission only concerns the notices of requirement and applications for resource consents that I/we have ticked below.

	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Manukau City Council			
Pakuranga Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619		✓	
Otahuhu Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619		✓	
Brownhill Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619		✓	
Underground Cable – Pakuranga to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619		✓	
Underground Cable – Otahuhu to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619		✓	
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619		✓	
Franklin District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. L07089		✓	
Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. DES0011/07		✓	
Matamata-Piako District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. RMR200621		✓	
Waipa District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. DN/0006/07		✓	
South Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 240/021		✓	
Taupo District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. RM070209		✓	
Whakamaru and Whakamaru North Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference No. RM070209		✓	
Auckland Regional Council – Resource Consents			
<i>Pakuranga to Brownhill Underground Cable Resource Consents</i>		✓	
Application 34102: Land Use Consent for earthworks		✓	
Application 34370: Discharge of Contaminants to land from ancillary activities that produce wastewater or washwater		✓	
Application 34372: Works in the Bed of a Watercourse		✓	
Application 34373: Diversion of Surface Water		✓	
<i>Overhead Line and Brownhill Substation Resource Consents</i>		✓	
Application 34711: Land Use Consent for earthworks		✓	
Application 34712: Discharge of Contaminants to land		✓	
Environment Waikato – Resource Consents			
<i>Overhead Line and Whakamaru North Substation Resource Consents</i>		✓	
Application 116902: Land Use Consent for vegetation clearance and earthworks		✓	
Application 116903: Discharge Permit for the composting of vegetation		✓	
Application 116904: Land Use Consent for the drilling of tower foundation below the water table		✓	
Application 116905: Discharge Permit for the discharge of site water and drilling fluids from drilling activities into surface water.		✓	

NOTE: A copy of this submission form must be sent as soon as possible at:

**North Island Grid Upgrade Project, Transpower Freepost 182915, PO Box 1021, Wellington
or email submissions@transpower.co.nz or fax 04 819 7624.**

I/we make my/our submission concerning all notices of requirements and applications for resource consents below.

CLEVEDON CARES INCORPORATED
SUBMISSION TO TRANSPower CALL-IN
ATTACHED INFORMATION

1. Reasons for Submission

Clevedon CARES (Community Action for a Responsible Environmental Strategy) is a community organisation set up to protect the rural character of the Clevedon Valley.

Clevedon CARES is therefore primarily concerned with the transmission lines across the Clevedon Valley (the Manukau and Franklin overhead line NORs).

Notwithstanding this, Clevedon CARES' submission also relates to the entire project. It considers the project is contrary to the sustainable management of natural and physical resources and has not fully taken into account the social, cultural and environmental impact of the project in promoting this solution to the problem of supply of power to the Auckland and Northern regions.

Overhead Transmission through Clevedon Valley

Clevedon CARES considers that the overhead lines across the Hunua, Whitford, Brookby and Clevedon area would be contrary to the purpose of the Resource Management Act, whereas the effects of putting the lines underground would be no more than minor.

The visual impact of the lines would have a significant adverse effect on the Clevedon Valley, which is noted for its high landscape and amenity values. The mitigation measures suggested to reduce the adverse effects on Ardmore Airport would be even more detrimental to the visual landscape.

Clevedon CARES considers that the benefits of the underground alternative to the overhead transmission have not been sufficiently examined and that the overhead transmission has been chosen purely on cost, without taking into account the social and environmental costs of this line.

2. Decision Sought

That the application for Notices of Requirement and Resource Consents be declined and Transpower directed to investigate generation, conservation and transmission alternatives.

Without derogation of the above, in the event that the Notices of Requirement and Resource Consents are not declined, require that they are amended to place the entire route of the line underground.

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