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To the Minister for the Environment

Box 4405

Hamilton East.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission re Transpower's upper Nth Island Grid upgrade Proposal.

I oppose <sup>all</sup> the Applications for resource consent, for Transpower NZ Ltd, to develop a new national grid electricity transmission line from Whakamau to Otahuhu & Pakuranga, for the upper Nth Island.

The reasons for my views are:-

- I feel that the Transmission line from Whakamau to Otahuhu & Pakuranga, is likely to have irreversible effects on the environment & on health.
- I also think that because the line covers such a huge expanse - it will effect so many peoples livelihoods; plus it will seriously devalue their property values.
- This line would be an eye-sore on the landscape, & the economic impact on the landowners - directly & indirectly affected, must be taken into account, in determining the outcome for the project.
- The cost & unknown possible effects on the Environment, People, & Animals are far too significant to ignore, & I feel NZ should be looking at alternative renewable power sources instead.

- Another reason, is that the processes / Technology etc, being proposed, are new to our country, & may seriously effect our supposedly clean, green Environment. Ems emissions are uncertain. Thus, a precautionary approach should be taken, to reduce future health risks & environmental impacts.

The decision I would like the Board of inquiry to make, is to turn down all the Applications completely, & direct Transpower to investigate more, environmentally friendly, & renewable power sources, eg wind farms & solar power. I would also like to see them look at alternatives - closer to Auckland.

I would like to be heard in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully, Leanne Gray (C.E. Gray)