

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

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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: Mr (Mrs) Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

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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 notices 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:

If you are attaching further information tick for yes

1. Effects of Agriculture
2. Health and Noise.
3. Ecology and Tourism.
4. Necessity of this Proposal.

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):

That the whole Proposal be taken back to the beginning and other proposals considered.
See attached.

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): Rw. Habergan (Mrs)

Date: 30-09-07

(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.)



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Further Information on Submission.

1. The Effects on Farming is NOT minimal.

The agricultural/farming community are the reason for New Zealand being the successful, vibrant economy that it is. I suggest that the whole of the population of Auckland relies on food-based manufacturing, financial, and provision of services for the local population and Tourism. We all need Food to survive, and therefore I see the Farming community as the Key/Prime provider of both food and the creator of profit/finance for employment and financial reward (ie. salaries/wages). The "bigger" picture is that - if it were not for farming/agriculture there would be no need for Auckland (or indeed New Zealand) to exist.

Therefore it would be prudent for both the Government and Transpower to consider either:-

- (a) Working very closely with the Farming communities to cause the least amount of adverse effects of food production levels. Not riding 'rough-shod' over them.
 - (b) Grant substantial and ongoing financial rewards for the loss of food production areas.
2. Reconsider and make more effort to consider the most recent and ongoing research into the Noise and Health aspects on both Humans and animals.

3. Revisit the effects on the Ecology - not just agriculture; but Reserves and the Waterways that the proposed lines are to cross.

Tourism - If these monstrous pylons cross the lovely green pasture land, the beauty of the landscape will be 'marred'. - After all that landscape is what the tourists remark on and come to see. This comment is not heresy, it is a 'fact'.

4. I see this whole proposal as one that is politically motivated, and without a full unbiased assessment of the alternatives. If it is the case that this upgrade will not be fully operational for at least another ten years; - and the upgrade is expected to last ~~at~~ for another 20 yrs+; surely it would be prudent to consider a far more permanent upgrade to last into the next 4-5 decades.

Further Details on the Decisions

I feel that the following details should be taken into account.

1. The necessity for the large Pylons - with research and new innovations, surely their size is even now obsolete.

The ~~is~~ best solution would be underground - more cost but less maintenance in the long run.

Underground is alright for some sections (including urban and cultural); so it should be alright for all sections of the communities it is going to effect.

2. More consideration of the Research of the effects on health (both human, animals, and plants), and noise levels during adverse weather conditions.

Also a fresh look at Ecological sites and the adverse effect these large pylons will have on the landscape.

3. If this upgrade is only to get added energy to Auckland and the North for a limited time each day, then the Government and Transpower plus all the other suppliers of energy need to be looking at both the long term and short term.

Short term - other smaller but less expensive supplies

Long term - look at energy savings in both insulation of buildings, and in the manufacture of Electrical items for the "modern day living".