

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

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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Please note: you must forward a copy of this submission to BOTH Ministry for the Environment AND Transpower, by any means you wish (post, fax, email)

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 below.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5 OCTOBER 2007

My/Our Full Name(s): *Roland Oliver, Beverly Oliver, Kevin Hill, Gaylene Hill*  
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The reasons for my submission are:

I am completely opposed to Transpower's intention to build this un-needed line, as the demand growth projections of the Electricity Commission (2007 SOO) do not justify its construction. The scale and capacity of this proposed 400kV capable line is completely out of alignment with the expected requirements for transmission capacity into Auckland to meet demand growth in the next 40 years. The potential new generation capacity likely to be constructed in the Auckland region in the next 40 years has been grossly underestimated in an attempt to justify this line as one of national significance and urgency.

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because Transpower has falsely (and perhaps criminally) tried to justify the need for this line being built by using out of date and inaccurately high demand growth forecasts (2005 SOO), have not included the cost of environmental impacts in their justifications, and are providing misleading and inaccurate costings of the real alternative options to this line that should be considered.

Please complete other side of form

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

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.

I explicitly **do not** want the Board of Inquiry to approve the applications subject to conditions – I want the applications turned down in whole.

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.

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I/we make my/our submission concerning 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.

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I/we have served a copy of my/our submission on the applicant by copy to Transpower as above.

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Signature(s):

*K. M. Hill* *B. M. Oliver*  
*G. A. Hill*

Date:

*29-9-07*

(Signature is not required for electronic (email) submissions.  
If this is a joint submission by two or more individuals, each individual's name is required.)



Ministry for the  
Environment  
Manatū Māta Rau

# New Era Energy

Dear Resident

This material is being sent to you as you live or own property near to Transpower's proposed 70 metre pylon 400kV transmission line.

New Era Energy is opposed to the construction of this line, and has been working on behalf of affected residents on this matter since 2004. The next stage of the battle to stop this line is the upcoming Board of Inquiry process, which has taken over the RMA process normally handled by District Councils and the Environment Court.

Many of you will have received an information pack around September 10, or have seen the notices placed in newspapers. Now is the time to **act!** If the line is to be stopped, we all have to make individual submissions to the Board of Inquiry before the October 5 deadline, strongly showing our opposition to this line.

There are three ways you can make a submission.

1. We've developed an easier, on-line way to fill out the form and have it automatically emailed to the two required recipients. We've even pre-loaded this form with some of the arguments you may wish to include in your submission. You can find the online form by going to <http://notowers.co.nz/BOIform.html>
2. Alternatively, you can fill out and sign the form enclosed, which also has some pre-loaded arguments which you can add to or change, and then freepost it or fax it to the two required recipients shown on the form.
3. Or, you can use the paper form sent in the original pack you received by post, following those somewhat confusing instructions, and post it to the two required recipients.

Using the on-line form (number 1 above) is probably the easiest way, but you can use any (or all) ways to get your submission in.

Please do this **right now**.... don't put it off for a few days and then forget about it. You can make another submission next week if you think of some additional things you want to say – you're not limited to only one submission.

Please also copy this letter and the enclosure, and distribute to any friends, neighbours and workmates who you can persuade to put in a submission. Submissions can come from anyone, not just those living under the line. However, these must be genuine submissions, from real adults living in New Zealand, else some of the other submissions put in through this path may be discredited.

You should receive in due course a direct acknowledgement that your submission has been received by MfE. Don't let a worry about appearing in court put you off submitting this form.... later, you may choose not to appear at the hearing, but for now, we really, really need you, and others, to say they want to appear and give evidence. If you want to talk to someone about this a bit more, see the list of NEE contact people below.

Do your part to stop the 400kV pylons. Either go to the website **NOW** and fill out the form, or fill out and fax/post the enclosed form **NOW**.

Need more info?

Contact people: Manukau: Catherine Tuck; 09 530 8777; Franklin: Steve Hunt; 09 292 4669;  
Waikato: Rob Storey 07 828 5895; Piako: Lorraine Bilby; 07 887 7852;  
Waipa: Bob McQueen 07 823 7372; South Waikato & Taupo: Christina Baldwin, 07 883 7890

September 24, 2007