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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 below.

**CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5 OCTOBER 2007**

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The reasons for my submission are:

We oppose the entire proposal of the North Island Grid Upgrade by Transpower.

1. Population forecast figures used by Transpower are not up to date and recent figures do not justify the upgrade and the urgency being used.

2. Adequate consideration has not been given to the social and environmental impact of this proposal in comparison to alternatives.

3. Time is available to consider alternative generation – tidal generation tests are already proposed for 2008.

4. Easement width is of concern – a. Is it wide enough?

b. What are the restrictions within the easement?

c. Has consideration been given to neighbours' affected by machinery, noise, pollution, etc during the construction phase?

d. Has adequate provision be made to protect land occupants and neighbours from the noise, Electro Magnetic Fields and vegetation impact.

e. What are the considerations for access to owners and neighbouring properties with regard to heavy machinery and earthworks – excavation and removal of earth?

f. Will there be ongoing restrictions on landowners and adjoining land owners?

g. Topple danger - pylons that may topple over could fall outside of the present proposed easement. How is this to be managed?

h. What plans do Transpower have for future development of new line and how does the present proposed easement accommodate these plans?

5. The proposal is contrary to Plan change 8 (Whitford Plan) and the visual amenity value

6. No allowance has been made for the fact that Manukau is the most densely settled section of the proposed route.

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7. Growth in rural areas – Clevedon, Brookby – what account has been taken of Manukau City's plans for further urbanisation?
8. What consideration has been given to the amenity value of the Clevedon, Brookby, and Whitford areas to local residents and Greater Auckland?
9. Ardmore airport safety issues – concerns about pylons being in the flight path and the visual impact of these pylons. This will be even more unacceptable if lights are used to aid visibility for aircraft.
10. The proposed North Island Grid Upgrade Project has a huge negative impact on our property and business.
- This is not an upgrade to existing lines on our property.
  - Transpower stated "that we would not be disadvantaged in anyway" when they initially told us of their change of route which would now include our property.
  - This upgrade is proposed after us spending in excess of \$30000.00 to underground the electricity and telephone cables on our property. At present there is not a single pole on our property.
  - Tourists, local residents and nation wide visitors come to the vineyard to enjoy our premium wines, take in the magnificent view, and experience the relaxed country atmosphere. Every day we receive compliments on our wines, the beautiful setting, and the amazing views – this will all change the moment Transpower begin their work on our property.
  - The proposed pylons will be seen as people drive into the vineyards and from the Tasting Room – dominating the views.
  - We had plans to build our home and a function centre on the property – the proposed pylons make that impossible for us, as the pylon is too close to the house site to want to live there. The planned function centre would have a direct view straight into the pylon on the neighbouring property.
  - The exiting road is through the vineyard and passes within a metre of the Tasting Room – any use of this road for access by Transpower would cause interruptions to business, and an unacceptable level of noise and pollution.
  - This roads access is part of a working vineyard where normal maintenance activities take place daily – this creates a difficulty for us in allowing us to continue our business as usual.
  - Transpower have not purchased our property and in placing it on the market we have found that people are most interested in the property until they are informed of the North Island Grid Upgrade project and the positioning of the proposed pylons.
  - Landscaping is unlikely to have any impact on the visual dominance of the proposed pylons.
  - The lack of true consultation and communication by Transpower has been unbelievable and has caused tremendous personal stress and our business development has been put on hold since we were informed that our property is now included in the new route for this project.

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

The North Island Grid Upgrade Project is not essential at this time. Consideration be given to other forms of generation. Power generation being developed where the electricity is needed – North of Auckland, . If this proposal is given approval to progress, that under - grounding be given very serious consideration, from across the Clevedon Valley continuing into Auckland. Manukau City Council has made an offer to assist with these costs and we strongly recommend this assistance be accepted.

A timely decision is called for so we can make informed decisions about our properties and our lives. We seek full compensation for any easement, devaluation of property, interruption to running the business and any risk involved in the actions of the North Island Grid Upgrade going ahead. We also seek consideration re the inability to develop the property as planned.

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

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/C, RMR200821, 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. ✓

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

(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.)

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