

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

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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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

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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 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:

Submission relates to transmission lines in the area of Lake Maraetai, Mangakino and the impact to the landscape amenity value of this land opposite Mangakino township. The existing landscape resource (pine plantation) contributes significantly to the character and heritage of the Mangakino area and therefore the protection of the landscape values is important. The proposed height of the overhead lines will be very visible from the Mangakino side of Lake Maraetai. It is therefore important to retain the the inherent natural quality and value of the undedveloped area. The visuable impact of the transmission will be significant.

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

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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):

- 1 That the overhead transmission lines follow the existing route (to the West of Mangakino Township) as this would keep all the transmission lines in the same corridor and thereby keep visual "pollution" to one area
- 2 If the route is to be to the East of the Town (as proposed) that the alignment is such that the visual impact will be mitigated as much as possible (by using natural valleys etc) and/or that the height of the towers along this same is reduced by increasing the number of towers required.

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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):

Sonya L Polatsek

Date:

5-10-07

(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.)