

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

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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

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## The reasons for my submission are:

- The Clevedon Valley is an area of natural beauty adjacent to Auckland.
- The Clevedon Valley is an important transit route from the densely populated and economically deprived areas of South Auckland to the nearest east Coast beaches, boat launching ramps at Kawakawa Bay, and access to the Hauraki Gulf
- Clevedon is an increasingly popular destination for the inhabitants of Auckland seeking to escape the stresses of city life
- The Clevedon Valley is the last natural valley of substance, close to Auckland that has not been overrun with housing and development – consider the East Tamaki Valley or the Henderson Valley
- Clevedon is a country town with a weekly farmers market, cafes and restaurants and amenities used all through the week by the people of Auckland.
- There are no other towns south of Auckland city and north of the Hunuas that provide any such pastoral country amenities
- The people of Auckland need areas of natural beauty to get away from the stresses and strains of city life – the region's beaches are very important but the Clevedon Valley provides a valuable and well used pastoral alternative
- The economic and environmental costs of people from Auckland driving to country areas further south are unacceptable and prohibitive
- For the less well off in South Auckland, the Clevedon area provides the most important economically accessible recreational area of historical importance and in close proximity
- The Clevedon Valley provides an area of rest and recuperation for the people of Auckland – a chance to breathe clean country air in a beautiful pastoral setting.
- The Clevedon Valley is on the "tourist route" going south, actively promoted by the Tourist Authorities and actively used by tourists on bikes, in camper vans cars etc
- The existing power lines are visually disturbing and detract from the above amenities and benefits to the people of Auckland

- The proposed power lines will turn this lovely valley into another industrially despoiled ugly piece of landscape. Who wants to picnic under a 70 metre pylon?
- The power lines will increase social tension by excluding deprived city residents from ability to get out of the concrete jungle. The economically deprived in South Auckland will not want to get out into the only economically available country side that is proximate to admire the country views through ugly industrial structures. This can only worsen the alienation of the South Auckland residents.
- People will be scared, whether rightly or not, by the electro-magnetic fields generated along the lines and will avoid the area
- The proposed power lines will dominate the Clevedon Valley and the town of Clevedon and severely reduce if not destroy the pastoral peace and recreation available to the people of Auckland and the unspoilt country town atmosphere of Clevedon.
- Auckland will lose one of the last pastoral valleys available to the inhabitants
- The economic, social and environmental costs of the transmission towers and lines will exceed the costs of putting the power lines underground through the Clevedon Valley

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

That the power lines have to be buried in the Clevedon Valley and that there shall be no visual disturbance of the Clevedon Valley once the construction work is completed

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.



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.



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



**Names(s):** AK Robertson, DF Robertson, EF Robertson, CD Robertson, AL Robertson **Date:** 26 September 2007

(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.)

