

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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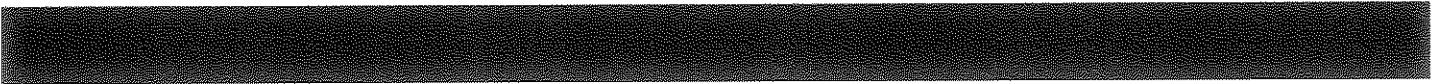
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The reasons for my submission are:

- We oppose the Transpower 400kv line because we do not believe that enough cognisance has been taken of future power generation capacity in the Auckland area and upper half of the North Island. This would make the transmission line unnecessary
- We believe that there are better alternatives to this line such as duplexing and reconducting the Whakamaru A, B and C lines, use of HVDC transmission technology that is easier to underground, use of smaller 200kv lines and more undergrounding. These all have much reduced environmental impact.
- The 65m easement we believe does not allow for sufficient safety for these transmission lines with respect to health risks. We believe that EMF emissions from the line would require a 600m easement to minimise effects from the EMF. The 65m easement does nothing to alleviate the visual environmental effects either.
- In the Whitford and Clevedon Valleys the visual intrusion of the lines is contrary to the Whitford plan which has guided development of this unique rural area. If this line is built it needs to be undergrounded in these valleys. Air traffic safety in the Clevedon valley should make the undergrounding of lines mandatory.
- We oppose this transmission line because we believe that Transpower has falsely justified this line using old and outdated information (2005 SOO) and has ignored compelling environmental impacts and has not done enough objective comparisons of acceptable alternatives. It is being rammed down the throats of thousands of citizens without any thought for their wellbeing and opinions. Even the local Council and Regional Council oppose the line because of the above issues!

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.

We do not want the Board of Inquiry to approve the applications subject to conditions – we want the applications turned down as a whole

We do not wish to be heard in support of 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, DES0011/07, 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):	Brian Gordon Robertson	Date:	3 October 2007
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(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.)