

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

Title: Mrs

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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: attached.

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

Please use more pages if you need to.

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

1. Absolute reassurance that there are no possible harmful effects with a mere 60 metre exclusion strip.
2. A refusal to allow the pylons to be erected in visual range of Maungatuteri.

Please use more pages if you need to.

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): Lynn Smith

Date: 16th September 2007

(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.)



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Environment
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Use the tick boxes below to indicate the called-in notices of requirement and applications for resource consents that your submission concerns. Use a clear tick in the appropriate box or boxes (✓).

I/we make my/our submission concerning all notices of requirements and applications for resource consents below.

OR

My/our submission only concerns the notices of requirement and applications for resource consents that I/we have ticked below.

	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Manukau City Council			✓
Pakuranga Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619			✓
Otahuhu Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619			✓
Brownhill Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619			✓
Underground Cable – Pakuranga to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619			✓
Underground Cable – Otahuhu to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 27619		✓	
Franklin District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. L07089		✓	
Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. DES0011/07		✓	
Matamata-Piako District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. RMR200621		✓	
Waipa District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. DN/0006/07		✓	
South Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. 240/021		✓	
Taupo District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference No. RM070209		✓	
Whakamaru and Whakamaru North Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference No. RM070209			✓
Auckland Regional Council – Resource Consents			
<i>Pakuranga to Brownhill Underground Cable Resource Consents</i>			✓
Application 34102: Land Use Consent for earthworks			
Application 34370: Discharge of Contaminants to land from ancillary activities that produce wastewater or washwater			✓
Application 34372: Works in the Bed of a Watercourse		✓	
Application 34373: Diversion of Surface Water			✓
<i>Overhead Line and Brownhill Substation Resource Consents</i>			
Application 34711: Land Use Consent for earthworks			✓
Application 34712: Discharge of Contaminants to land			✓
Environment Waikato – Resource Consents			
<i>Overhead Line and Whakamaru North Substation Resource Consents</i>			✓
Application 116902: Land Use Consent for vegetation clearance and earthworks			✓
Application 116903: Discharge Permit for the composting of vegetation			✓
Application 116904: Land Use Consent for the drilling of tower foundation below the water table		✓	
Application 116905: Discharge Permit for the discharge of site water and drilling fluids from drilling activities into surface water.		✓	

NOTE: A copy of this submission form must be sent as soon as possible at:

North Island Grid Upgrade Project, Transpower Freepost 182915, PO Box 1021, Wellington
or email submissions@transpower.co.nz or fax 04 819 7624.

I/we make my/our submission concerning all notices of requirements and applications for resource consents below.

Grid Upgrade Submission
Submitter : Lynn Stephenson Smith
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1.

The SAGE report recommends an exclusion zone 60 metres from the centreline of the supply wires. This would make the total easement strip at least 120 metres, not the suggested 65 metres and 'occasionally' 120 metres, as suggested.

I believe the Board of Inquiry should evaluate all available relevant data in order to fully assess the risk in allowing people and animals to live within an electromagnetic field of this magnitude.

Reliance on merely the ICNIRP for guidance is shortsighted. This report was completed in 1998, based on information gathered in the previous 10 years. Wider, and more up to date information gathering would give confidence that a real effort was being made in the interests of our population.

It would be a disaster for our country if the preliminary caution which is being suggested by international studies was ignored to the peril of our future generations not only of people but also of our valuable national dairy herd.

2.

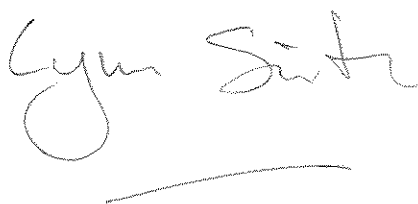
The proposed route of the line runs immediately east of Mount Maungatautari Ecological Island Project.

This far-sighted project is already attracting international attention. It is likely to become an important eco-tourism destination.

At present it is surrounded by farmland. To knowingly build 70 metre pylons on the boundary of such an attraction is totally unacceptable in today's climate of ecological awareness.

In the Executive Summaries of the proposal, section X 16, the report concludes that the alignment has largely avoided impacting on recreation and tourism in the two regions.

This indicates that no consideration was given to the Maungatautari project and the impact the close proximity of the lines would have on the tourism experience.



Lynn Smith