

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: Mr

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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:

Solid Energy NZ Limited has coal mining interests near Maramarua, an area that the the proposed transmission line upgrade path traverses.

Solid Energy does not wish to see potentially mineable coal resources sterilised by surface infrastructure.

See attachment for further information.

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):

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):

David Horn

Date: 03/10/07

National Consents + Environmental Programme Manager

(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.)



Ministry for the
Environment
Mauwhiri Māta Raukawa

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.

Submission to Minister for the Environment
On
Transpower's Notices of Requirements and Applications for Resource
Consents

Solid Energy New Zealand Limited (Solid Energy) is a State-owned Enterprise that operates coal mines and Renewable Energy enterprises throughout New Zealand and particularly in the Waikato Region.

In this submission Solid Energy highlights the coal resources in the Maramarua Coalfield; Kopuku, Maby and Mangatangi Sectors; in the area that the proposed transmission line upgrade will traverse. (See attached map)

Solid Energy is a land owner, south of Maramarua, over which part of the proposed transmission line upgrade passes.

Solid Energy is concerned to ensure that in deciding the final alignment of the proposed transmission line upgrade significant coal resources in this area are not sterilised. Solid Energy notes that not all coal is held in Crown ownership and that there are considerable areas of coal resource held in private ownership in the Waikato Region. Solid Energy has been engaging with Transpower regarding this issue for some time now and wishes to lodge this submission, which neither supports nor opposes the Notices of Requirement and Applications for Resource Consents, to maintain its position as an affected land and mineral owner.

Solid Energy notes it has also made submission on the Proposed Waikato District Plan seeking to ensure that inappropriate development does not occur over known coal resources in such a manner that will sterilise the coal resource from mining. Solid Energy currently has an appeal lodged with the Environment Court on the matter of Coal Mining Policy areas to protect those areas from being sterilised from mining opportunities and is in negotiations with the Waikato District Council.

Solid Energy wishes to be kept fully informed of all developments and to participate in the formal processes as appropriate.

