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Yes:

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A: copy of this submission has been emailed to Transpower.

Scope: This submission covers 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.

Re: 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 above.

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Te Kauwhata

Reasons:

I am completely opposed to the construction of the proposed 400kv transmission line from Whakamaru to Auckland.

I am opposed on the following grounds:

1. The environmental impact of this line is devastating. It is something that future generations will hold those responsible for the decision to proceed with the line, responsible for, for as long as the huge pylons are in existence. It is my opinion that we should be generating power closer to the area of requirement, and there by reducing the number of pylons already in existence, not erecting more. Placing these pylons in vallies in order to be "Out of Sight" is not a solution to the erecting of such massive structures. In the future as Auckland and Hamilton come closer together, condemnation of those responsible for them will manifest itself. And correctly so! As people choose to live away from the big cities.

2. There has not been accurate consideration given to the health issues surrounding this transmission line. Data pointing out the risks has been ignored. In my opinion,

out dated minimum health standards for distances to dwellings and places of work is being used. When the true danger of these line is realised, the true cost of this proposal will become apparent. We are seeing this in the cigarette industry and have seen it in the pharmaceutical industry.

This issue is of national importance, as any liability will have to be met by New Zealand as a whole.

3. Roading infrastructure is inadequate in most of the areas where these pylons are to be constructed.

We have an example of this in our area where Transpower is constructing a large switching station on Storey Road, Waiterimu. Hundreds of loads of metal have been carted in and the road between the quarry and the construction site is rapidly deteriorating because of this. This is only to one site. These roads are not only used by the local population but by many people enjoying a recreational drive or ride (on bikes) during weekends. In event of Transpower being held responsible for this damage, has this cost been factored into the overall cost of the project?

4. Insufficient consideration has been given by Transpower to local input to the project. As a local group of residents we approached Transpower to have the line moved. This would move the line away from the centre of the valley, to a place in against the surrounding hills, thereby becoming less obtrusive. It would also move it further away from 17 houses and two cow sheds. We were told that the decision had been made as to where the line was to go, and that was that!. Local input ignored again.

In conclusion. This project needs very careful consideration on the basis that the construction of the line is with New Zealand for a very long time. We have seen other "Think Big" projects in their true colours once they are completed. Let's not go down that track again. There are far more suitable and obvious options open to us.

I thank you for your time.

Therefore:

I seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry. 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.

I explicitly do not want the Board of Inquiry to approve the applications subject to conditions - I want the applications turned down in whole.