

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 Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

My/Our Full Name(s): SOUTH WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL

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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 notices 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:

If you are attaching further information tick for yes

1. Inadequate consideration has been given to alternative transmission corridors
2. Inadequate consideration has been given to the provisions of the South Waikato Operative District Plan.
3. A number of important aspects have not been adequately acknowledged in the Assessment of Effects.

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):

That the Notice of Requirement by Transpower for a 400kV-capable overhead transmission line over a land corridor in the South Waikato District is declined.

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):

Date:

(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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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 requirement 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 Number: 27619			
Otahuhu Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Brownhill Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Underground Cable – Pakuranga to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Underground Cable – Otahuhu to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Franklin District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: L07089			
Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: DES0011/07			
Matamata-Piako District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RMR200621			
Waipa District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: DN/0006/07			
South Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 240/021		✓	
Taupo District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RM070209			
Whakamaru and Whakamaru North Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 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 also be sent to Transpower 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 have served a copy of my/our submission on the applicant per Section 96(4) of the RMA.



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Reference: 52631

28 September 2007

Minister for the Environment
Freepost Grid Upgrade Submission
PO Box 4405
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Dear Sir

SUBMISSION TO A NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT BY TRANSPOWER

This submission is made by the South Waikato District Council, as a territorial authority with jurisdiction under section 31 of the Resource Management Act 1991, for the administration of the South Waikato Operative District Plan.

The submission is in opposition to a Notice of Requirement by Transpower, being a requiring authority seeking to designate a 400kV-capable overhead transmission line over a land corridor in the South Waikato District, as identified on the NZ Map Series, Schedule of Affected Properties, Certificates of Title, South Waikato Operative District Plan Maps and aerial photographs whereon towers 321-427 will be located, as presented in Part 1A of the Notice of Requirement documentation.

The reasons for making this submission in opposition are summarised as follows:

- 1 Inadequate consideration has been given to alternative transmission corridors** in terms of:
 - Retention and upgrading of the existing transmission line from Atiamuri to Arapuni;
 - Under grounding the proposed transmission line in populated areas
 - Identifying and safeguarding the rural amenity values associated with the part developed South Waikato River Trail that follows the margins of the Waikato River in the vicinity of Arapuni settlement and points north and south.

- 2 Inadequate consideration has been given to the provisions of the South Waikato Operative District Plan specifically, but not exclusively in relation to:**
 - Section 3.0 Planning Objectives;
 - Section 10.0 Public Works and Network Utilities;
 - Section 12.0 Landscape and Amenity Values; and
 - Section 19.0 Rural Zone

- 3 The assessment of effects does not adequately acknowledge:**
 - that the effects are permanent on the landscape and the community;
 - that the impacts are visual and not able to be mitigated;

- that the highly intrusive nature of the pylon structures and lines will impact on the amenity values of directly affected landowners and landowners whose properties are in the visual zones of influence which extend several kilometres either side of the proposed transmission corridor depending on the intermediate landforms;
- that overall there are effects on amenity values both on directly affected landowners and the wider community;
- that there are impacts on existing land use arrangements and the distribution of buildings, the organization of daily farming activities and practices, and lifestyles;
- that the mitigation measures proposed do not take into account the costs/effects both direct and indirect imposed on landowners and the community, including future generations.
- Part II purpose and principles of the Resource Management Act including but not limited to particular cultural matters that are important to our Raukawa Iwi.
- The confusion and conflicting information regarding health issues for people and animals living in the vicinity of the proposed structure.

Overall, the South Waikato District Council concludes that the supporting documentation to the Notice of Requirement fails to demonstrate environmental sustainability. It fails to assess that the effects will be no more than minor with respect to amenity values on directly affected landowners and the wider community. It also fails to acknowledge the introduction of a substantial new structure and network into the rural, primary production landscape of the District with the absence of mitigation measures to address (remedy and or mitigate) the resulting direct and indirect effects on landowners and the South Waikato community and future generations.

The South Waikato District Council seeks the following decision from the Board of Enquiry:

That the Notice of Requirement by Transpower for a 400kV-capable overhead transmission line over a land corridor in South Waikato District is declined.

The South Waikato District Council wishes to be heard in support of our submission.



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D R Hall
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



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Neil A Sinclair MNZM JP BDS
MAYOR

Date: 1/10/07