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Yes: I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission at the public hearing, and expect I will need between one and two hours to present my evidence. I would like the location of the portion of the hearing which will receive my evidence to be held in a local venue near to where I live.
submitter: M W Skam
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.
Remote Name: 210.185.9.167
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Reasons:

Why is it that you are putting this toxic power line within 200 meters of my house, the prevailing winds will deposit contamination into my water supply which is collected from my roof, if this is so safe, why not put it over the Hunua school, as was first proposed? From what I hear on the news this power line is going to be built with the government overriding everyone, as it is in the national interest, so why have you bothered to send these forms and hold these meetings at all, I have heard nothing from Transpower as to compensation, where the lines will be exactly etc, are they going to supply an alternate source of fresh water, pay any doctors bills for problems caused by the lines, and compensate the loss of property value if these lines go ahead, as who would want to live beside these, if I try and sell my house I will lose 100s of thousands of dollars, who will compensate me for this, my daughter was coming back to NZ when she finished her UNI teaching degree, and possibly teaching at the Hunua School, I have advised her if these lines are installed to go somewhere else, as I will not have here bringing up children in these toxic radiation area, so thanks for stuffing up our lives.

If you must have these power lines, why not put a tunnel the length of the country, instead of stopping at Clevedon, the extra costs can be paid by the users of the power (after all its user pays is it not), the government has stated it will increase the power costs through taxes and carbon taxes, so it's going to cost more anyway, why not use the tunnel as a carbon tax credit to offset the cost.

But who will listen !!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am completely opposed to Transpower's intention to build this un-needed line, as the demand growth projections of the Electricity Commission (2007 SOO) do not justify its construction. The scale and capacity of this proposed 400kV capable line is completely out of alignment with the expected requirements for transmission capacity into Auckland to meet demand growth in the next 40 years. The potential new generation capacity likely to be constructed in the Auckland region in the next 40 years has been grossly underestimated in an attempt to justify this line as one of national significance and urgency.

Better equal benefit alternatives to this proposed line are available that have a much reduced environmental impact, such as more generation in the Auckland region, duplexing and reconductoring of the Whakamaru A, B and C lines, use of HVDC transmission technology which will be less obtrusive and easier to underground, more extensive use of undergrounding of HVAC lines, and consideration of new conventional small scale 220kV transmission lines.

I oppose this line being built on a 65 metre wide easement, when a 600 metre wide easement, free of houses and workplaces, should be required as a precautionary principle to reduce future health risks and environmental impacts.

I oppose large scale HVAC transmission lines being built on narrow 65 metre wide easements because of the EMF emissions and ionized particle emissions that will come from this line, which have been proven to cause numerous diseases, including childhood leukaemia.

I oppose these applications because Transpower has falsely (and perhaps criminally) tried to justify the need for this line being built by using out of date and inaccurately high demand growth forecasts (2005 SOO), have not included the cost of environmental impacts in their justifications, and are providing misleading and inaccurate costings of the real alternative options to this line that should be considered.

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.