

SUBMISSION ON TRANSPOWER'S NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENTS

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Please note: you must forward a copy of this submission to BOTH Ministry for the Environment AND Transpower, by any means you wish (post, fax, email)

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 below.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5 OCTOBER 2007

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The reasons for our submission are:

- We oppose the construction of power lines through Manukau City.
- This is an area scheduled for future residential development and has a high amenity value for the surrounding suburban population, tourists, and the greater Auckland population.
- We do not consider that Transpower has considered the environmental/social impact of the proposal or thoroughly explored and costed alternatives.
- Transpower has not considered potential alternative funding towards further undergrounding including a financial contribution from Manukau City Council.
- We are very concerned about safety issues relating to Ardmore Airport and the visual impact of lights/markers that would be required to mark the proposed pylons which we understand would project into Ardmore airspace.
- If a new power line is indeed required, it should be underground through Manukau City in order to protect the visual amenity values of the area, the projected urban growth, and future plan changes.
- Undergrounding would significantly reduce the magnetic field along the line and therefore the impact on the value of properties on or near the line and on the health of those living in its vicinity.
- Three primary schools, - Hunua, Clevedon and Brookby - are near the route of the proposed pylons and close to Ardmore airspace. A further safety concern.
- We oppose the construction of the substation at Browns Road. This should be a GIS station only.
- The involvement of a landscape architect is needed to reduce the visual impact, should the substation be built.

WE support the submissions by Manukau City Council and Auckland Regional Council.

WE are firmly opposed to Transpower's proposal to construct pylons through Manukau City.

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

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.

We explicitly do not want the Board of Inquiry to approve the applicants subject to conditions- we want the applications turned down in full.

I/we **wish to be heard** in support of my/our submission at the public hearing. (Remove tick if you do not wish to make a verbal submission at the public hearing)

I/we make my/our submission concerning **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.

I/we have served a copy of my/our submission on the applicant by copy to Transpower as above.

Names(s):	Molra E Shorten	Date:	4.10.07
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(Signature is not required for electronic (email) submissions.
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