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I wish to express my utmost concern and objection to the Transpoer North Island Upgrade Project- in respect to environmental impact.

WHY?

Information : What information! I have asked the negotiator repeatedly for at least an actual photograph of a line of these pylons since transpower have said their are numerous examples of these overseas - apart from a basic pencil type scetch -nothing. except to say these pylons might be a slightly different design. When my reply was photos of any similar will do as an indication, still no pictures forthcoming. I presume you, The Minister for the Environment will be thus supplied in order to assist your decision so I ask some of those to be forwarded to me . Thank you.

EMF levels: The guidelines Which Transpower use To determine safe levels of 'EMF' are out of date. The electromagnetic feild (EMF) under Transpower's proposed line will be 250 times the levels found to double the risk of childhood leukemia in overseas studies. More studies are continually coming to light confirming this and indicating even more serious health hazards to unborn children and general population. Naturally this will also go on to affect all living things in close proximity in the same way - that is plain common sense and evidence can and will be found. Is Transpower responsible for all present and future health and safety costs or do they become another burden for the taxpayer?

Visual Effects: Despite Transpower's woefully inadequate information on what the pylons will ACTUALLY look like I think its a safe assumption that they will make the landscape - some of our most popular tourist routes look like something out of a third world industrial nightmare.

Easment width: Totally inadequate considering the EMF levels, Visual effects, physical effects (pylons do topple over-see global warming), noise levels.

Destruction of the natural environment and native flora and fauna. This will be relatively significant.

Putting money first before anything: While I dont believe this proposal is the best option for Auckland or New Zealand -there are plenty of feasible and more environmentally friendly alternatives out there - Transpower do not even want to consider an underground option for the heavily populated Morrinsville area- why ? money of course.

Therefore I urge you to be what you are, The Protector of our Environment , to do your job - deny Transpower,s application as it stands, thank you.

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