

Kia ora Josie - we have reviewed the wording in the preamble of the NPS on Electricity Transmission and consider that the following paragraphs (contained in the preamble) will effectively address our concern to ensure that the NPS remains subject to the overarching requirement to achieve the purpose of the RMA:

"The national policy statement is to be applied by decision-makers under the Act. The objective and policies are intended to guide decision-makers in drafting plan rules, in making decisions on the notification of the resource consents and in the determination of resource consent applications, and in considering notices of requirement for designations for [transmission - replace with renewable electricity generation] activities.

However, the national policy statement is not meant to be a substitute for, or prevail over, the Act's statutory purpose or the statutory tests already in existence. Further, the national policy statement is subject to Part 2 of the Act.

For decision-makers under the Act, the national policy statement is intended to be a relevant consideration to be weighed along with other considerations in achieving the sustainable management purpose of the Act."

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