

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
at Auckland

I mua i te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
I te rohe o Tāmaki Makaurau

ENV-2022-AKL-000051

under: the Resource Management Act 1991

in the matter of: an appeal pursuant to clause 14(1) of the First Schedule
to the Resource Management Act 1991

between: **Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc**
Appellant

and: **Waikato District Council**
Respondent

Notice of Transpower New Zealand Limited's wish to be party to
proceedings

Dated: 22 March 2022

REFERENCE: Luke Hinchey (Luke.Hinchey@chapmantripp.com)

Rebecca Tompkins (Rebecca.Tompkins@chapmantripp.com)

chapmantripp.com
T +64 9 357 9000
F +64 9 357 9099

PO Box 2206
Auckland 1140
New Zealand

Auckland
Wellington
Christchurch



NOTICE OF TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND LIMITED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

- To** The Registrar
Environment Court
Auckland
- 1 Transpower New Zealand Limited (*Transpower*) wishes to be a party to appeal ENV-2022-AKL-000051 by Federated Farmers of New Zealand Inc (*Federated Farmers*) (*Appeal*) against parts of the decision of Waikato District Council (*Council*) on the Proposed Waikato District Plan (*Proposed Plan*)(*Decision*).
 - 2 Transpower made a submission and further submission about the subject matter of these proceedings.
 - 3 Transpower is also a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the public generally, in that it is the State Owned Enterprise that plans, builds, maintains, owns and operates New Zealand's electricity transmission network – the National Grid. The need to operate, maintain, develop and upgrade the electricity transmission network is a matter of national significance under the National Policy Statement for Electricity Transmission 2008 (*NPSET*).
 - 4 Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
 - 5 Transpower is interested in the parts of the Appeal that relate to *Part one – Interpretation - Definitions, Part two – Energy infrastructure and transports and Part three – General rural zone*.
 - 6 Transpower is interested in the issues raised by the Appeal that may affect its ability to operate, maintain, develop and upgrade the National Grid.
 - 7 Specifically, Transpower opposes the relief sought in relation to:
 - 7.1 Definitions – National Grid Yard;
 - 7.2 AINF-04; and
 - 7.3 GRUZ-R21.
 - 8 Transpower opposes the relief sought because it:
 - 8.1 Does not give effect to the NPSET. The NPSET requires the Proposed Plan to recognise and provide for the effective operation, maintenance, upgrading and development of the National Grid (Policy 2) and to manage activities to avoid reverse sensitivity effects to ensure the operation, maintenance, upgrading and development of the electricity transmission is not compromised (Policy 10);

- 8.2 Does not give effect to the Waikato Regional Policy Statement. Specifically:
- (a) Objective 3.5(e) that requires the Proposed Plan to provide for the operation, maintenance, development and upgrade of electricity transmission in a way that recognises and provides for the national, regional and local benefits of electricity transmission; and
 - (b) Objective 3.12(c) and (e) that requires the Proposed Plan to ensure that development does not compromise infrastructure corridors and recognises and protects the value of regionally significant infrastructure;
- 8.3 Does not promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources;
- 8.4 Does not promote the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources, particularly the National Grid;
- 8.5 Does not meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and
- 8.6 Does not result in the most appropriate provisions in terms of section 32 of the RMA.
- 9 Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Signed for and on behalf of Transpower New Zealand Limited by its solicitors and authorised agents Chapman Tripp



Luke Hinchey
Partner
22 March 2022

Address for service of person:

Transpower New Zealand Limited
c/- Rebecca Tompkins
Chapman Tripp
Level 34
PWC Tower
15 Customs Street West
PO Box 2206
Auckland 1140
Email address: Luke.Hinchey@chapmantripp.com / Rebecca.Tompkins@chapmantripp.com