

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of Hearing Submissions and Further Submissions on the Proposed Waikato District
Plan (Stage 1)

**MEMORANDUM BY TRANSPOWER NZ LTD AND COUNCIL TO HEARING COMMISSIONERS
RELATING TO
HEARING 15 DESIGNATIONS
TRANSPOWER NZ LTD DESIGNATIONS TPR-1 to TPR-8**

4 May 2020

May it please the Hearing Commissioners:

1. This memorandum is filed on behalf of Transpower New Zealand Limited (“Transpower”) and the Council on Hearing 15 Designations, outlining agreement reached at the Designations Hearing (held on 20 and 24 April 2020) on the Transpower designations.

Background

2. Pursuant to Schedule 1 (Clause 4) of the Resource Management Act 1991, Transpower gave notice to Waikato District Council (“Council”) that its existing designations under the Operative Waikato District Plan (Waikato Section) and Operative Waikato District Plan (Franklin Section) are required to be included into the Proposed Waikato District Plan. The rollover notice related to K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7 and K8, and sought confirmation of the designations with legal and location description corrections and alteration/deletion of conditions.
3. The Section 42A Report recommended these designations be confirmed but without alteration/deletion to the conditions. Transpower filed evidence and the reporting officer (Ms Jane Macartney) in her Section 42A rebuttal evidence agreed with the amendments sought by Transpower.
4. Transpower appeared at the hearing on 20 April and undertook to further amend the conditions in consultation with the reporting officer. The hearing was reconvened on 24 April at which point Transpower and Council agreed to further refinements.

Panel Directions and Response

5. When the hearing reconvened on 24 April 2020, the Hearings Panel directed Transpower and Council to prepare a memorandum outlining the agreement reached on the designations and accompanying conditions. The following is a summary of the agreed amendments for the specific designations. There are no outstanding matters.
 - a. **TPR-1** *Western Road Substation and Training Facility*¹ - Rollover with minor grammatical error amendment. No conditions are attached to the designation.
 - b. **TPR-2** *Hamilton to Meremere B Underground Transmission Line Cable*² - Modification with updated legal descriptions (to reflect the new title issued in November 2018) and deletion of the single condition and advice note on the basis that they have been fulfilled by Transpower and are now obsolete and therefore unnecessary.
 - c. **TPR-3** *Huntly Outdoor Switchyard*³ - Rollover with minor location reference correction to include reference to “Te Ohaki Road, Huntly” (instead of the generic reference to “Power station, Huntly”). No conditions are attached to the designation.
 - d. **TPR-4** *Meremere Switching Station*⁴ - Rollover with minor location reference correction to refer to “Taniwha Street, Meremere” (instead of the generic reference to “Power station, Meremere”). No conditions are attached to the designation.

¹ Formerly identified as K1

² Formerly identified as K2

³ Formerly identified as K3

⁴ Formerly identified as K4

- e. **TPR-5 and TPR-6** *Te Kowhai Substation and Te Kowhai Deviation A 220kV High Voltage Transmission Line*⁵ - Modification with updating of legal description and physical site description. Amendment of conditions to:
- i. Delete initial construction work specific conditions (on the basis that the actions required by these specific conditions have been completed as they relate to construction activities that have occurred, or they were conditions of a limited duration and were bespoke to the original construction and not minor works during the lifetime of the designation);
 - ii. Updating of conditions where they refer to documents that have been superseded by updated regulations and guidelines;
 - iii. Inclusion of conditions requiring an Outline Plan (as required by s176A of the Resource Management Act 1991) for any new construction works that have not been addressed in an earlier approved Outline Plan of Works but remain within the scope of the designation, including referencing of earlier submitted outline plan; and
 - iv. Refinement to existing ongoing compliance conditions to make it clear the condition continues to apply.
- f. **TPR-7** *Ohinewai Switching Station*⁶ - Modification with updating of legal description and physical site description. Amendment of conditions to:
- i. Delete initial construction work specific conditions (on the basis that the actions required by these specific conditions have been completed as they relate to construction activities that have occurred, or they were conditions of a limited duration and were bespoke to the original construction and not minor works during the lifetime of the designation);
 - ii. Updating of conditions where they refer to documents that have been superseded by updated regulations and guidelines;
 - iii. Inclusion of conditions requiring an Outline Plan (as required by s176A of the Resource Management Act 1991) for any new construction works that have not been addressed in an earlier approved Outline Plan of Works but remain within the scope of the designation, including referencing of earlier submitted outline plan; and
 - iv. Refinement to existing ongoing compliance conditions to make it clear the condition continues to apply.
- g. **TPR-8** *Brownhill Road to Whakamaru North 400kV Capable Overhead Transmission Line*⁷ - Modification with removal of specific legal description references and reliance on planning maps (given the long linear nature the line). Amendment of conditions to:
- i. Delete initial construction work specific conditions (on the basis that the actions required by these specific conditions have been completed as they relate to construction activities that have occurred, or they were conditions of a limited duration and were bespoke to the original construction and not minor works during the lifetime of the designation);

⁵ Formerly identified as K5 and K6

⁶ Formerly identified as K7

⁷ Formerly identified as K8 (Waikato Section) and 152 (former Franklin Section)

- ii. Updating of conditions where they refer to documents that have been superseded by updated regulations and guidelines;
- iii. Inclusion of conditions requiring an Outline Plan (as required by s176A of the Resource Management Act 1991) for any new construction works that have not been addressed in an earlier approved Outline Plan of Works but remain within the scope of the designation; and
- iv. Refinement to existing ongoing compliance conditions to make it clear the conditions continue to apply.

Specific to TPR-8, the agreed designation combines the operative designation conditions within K8 and 152 (former Waikato Section and former Franklin Section designations) into one designation with one set of conditions. Any duplicated conditions as a result of merging these former designations numbered K8 and 152 into one designation numbered TPR-8 (either amended or retained unmodified) have been removed. Any specific conditions (such as the reference to Towers 88 and 89 in condition 2) have been retained.

6. The agreed designations and conditions are set out in Attachment I.

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Attachment I - Transpower conditions as agreed at Hearing 15