

Highlights Package

Summary of evidence of Pauline M Whitney on Submission points by Transpower NZ Ltd

Before Waikato District Council

Proposed Waikato District Plan: Hearing 15 – Designations

- 1 My name is Pauline Mary Whitney. I am a Senior Planner: Principal of Boffa Miskell Limited. I am a Full Member of the New Zealand Planning Institute and have over 23 years' experience as a resource management planner.
- 2 This summary briefly sets out an overview of my primary evidence and responds to the Section 42A Rebuttal Evidence on the Proposed Waikato District Plan ("PWDP").

The National Grid Policy Framework

- 3 As outlined in my first statement of evidence, Transpower owns and operates the National Grid. The need to operate, maintain, develop and upgrade the electricity transmission network is recognised as a matter of national significance through the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 ('NPSET'). Policy 13 of the NPSET is specific to designations and recognises the designation process can facilitate the long term planning of the development, operation and maintenance of electricity transmission infrastructure. Section 75(3) of the Resource Management Act ("RMA") requires that a District Plan must 'give effect' to a NPS and is a strong statutory directive.

Transpower Designations

- 4 Pursuant to Schedule 1 (Clause 4) of the Resource Management Act 1991, Transpower gave notice to 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 PWDP. The rollover notice related to K1, K2, K3, K4¹, K5, K6, K7 and K8, and sought confirmation of the designations with legal and location description corrections and alternation/deletion of conditions.
- 5 The Section 42A Report recommended the designations for confirmation but without the alteration/deletion to conditions. In my first statement of evidence, I supported the rollover of K1 and K3, and modification of K2, K5- K8 in terms of deletion/amendment of conditions, with reasoning provided in my evidence.
- 6 The officer in her Section 42A Rebuttal evidence agrees with my evidence. In response, I support all the Section 42A Rebuttal evidence recommendations and there are no outstanding matters in relation to Transpower designations K1, K2, K3, K5, K6, K7 and K8.
- 7 The following table (Attachment A) provides a summary of the designations, modifications sought (where applicable), Section 42A Rebuttal evidence, and my response to the rebuttal evidence.
- 8 I note evidence on the Meremere Switching Station (K4) is to be provided separately as that required technical input from Transpower which has been subject to Covid-19 constraints.

Pauline Whitney, 14 April 2018

¹ All but K4 are addressed in my first statement of evidence

Attachment A - Summary Table

Designation	Schedule 1 Notice - Rollover/Modification and conditions	Section 42 A Rebuttal Evidence	Response
Western Road Substation and Training Facility Designation K1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rollover - Minor grammatical error amendment - No conditions 	Recommendation unchanged and designation to be rolled over	Support
Hamilton to Meremere B Underground Transmission Line Cable Designation K2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modification with updated legal descriptions - Deletion of the single condition and advice note 	Recommend designation be confirmed with the modifications sought (being updating of legal description and deletion of condition and advice note)	Support
Huntly Outdoor Switchyard Designation K3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rollover - No conditions 	Recommendation unchanged and designation to be rolled over	Support
Te Kowhai Substation Designation K5 Te Kowhai Deviation A 220kV High Voltage Transmission Line Designation K6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modification - Deletion of 11, and amendment of 4, conditions 	Recommend designation be confirmed with the modifications sought (being deletion and amendment of conditions) on the basis the requested amendments would not result in any material change to the designation or management of their environmental effects.	Support
Ohinewai Switching Station Designation K7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modification - Corrections to site address, site area and legal descriptions - Deletion of 13, and amendment of 4, conditions 	Recommend designation be confirmed with the modifications sought (being corrections, and deletion and amendment of conditions) on the basis the requested amendments would not result in any material change to the designation or management of their environmental effects.	Support
Brownhill Road to Whakamaru North Overhead Transmission Line Designation K8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modification - Corrections to the description and legal description - Merger of two designations K8 and 152 - Deletion of multiple, and amendment of 5, conditions 	Recommend designation be confirmed with the modifications sought (being corrections, and deletion and amendment of conditions) on the basis the requested amendments would not result in any material change to the designation or management of their environmental effects.	Support