

NOTICE OF MOTION

KCDC SUPPORT FOR GO UNDERGROUND WAIKANAЕ

KCDC and their elected representatives are aware that Transpower NZ is planning to significantly increase the electricity carrying capability of its current pylon infrastructure through the township of Waikanae. This increase is a component of the larger Transpower project aimed at reconductoring the Bunneythorpe to Haywards transmission lines.

Go Underground Waikanae which comprises of a small number of local community representatives, led by Mr. Don Liddle have been working towards presenting a case for Transpower to remove the current pylon infrastructure from the Waikanae environment. It is this groups belief that Transpower should take the once in a lifetime opportunity and put the transmission lines underground on the McKays to Peka Peka Expressway route as it passes through Waikanae.

In the past the Waikanae Community Board has been a supporter of this undergrounding approach, but the wider KCDC elected officials have been somewhat silent on this matter. This notice of motion seeks that KCDC led by Mayor Ross Church does the following:

1. Publically support the efforts of the Go Underground Waikanae group and publically request that Transpower takes this once in a lifetime opportunity and undergrounds the transmission lines through Waikanae, and
2. Requests that Transpower and NZTA urgently meet with senior KCDC elected members and staff to determine why the prospect of going underground for these transmission lines is not being pursued.

In the meantime, the Go Underground Waikanae group will: (1) continue to gather community support, (2600 plus Waikanae signatures gathered to date): (2) will approach Transpower to explain what Go undergrounds approach is to be, and (3) approach Nathan Guy and the Prime Minister for their assistance. From a KCDC perspective, the matter has changed since the last time it was discussed at the council table. KCDC now owns further land beneath the Pylons with the strategic purchase of the Howarth and Turf Farm blocks of land, and the fact that 2600 signature of support have been received clearly signals that our community wants KCDC to demonstrate community responsibility on this matter.

I move that KCDC facilitates a meeting between KCDC, Transpower, NZTA, GWRC and Go Underground to examine the question of whether there are other possibilities to the current Transpower proposal for upgrading the Hayward A and B lines, where they pass through the township of Waikanae.