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Proposed Kāpiti Coast District Plan Hearings Panel  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**HEARING REPORT: PROPOSED KĀPITI COAST DISTRICT PLAN –**

**Chapter 2 – Objectives**

**Transpower Submission Points 208.1, 208.14, 208.15, 208.12, and 208.16**

Transpower New Zealand Ltd (“**Transpower**”) writes in relation to the hearing commencing on 12 April 2016 on Chapter 2 Objectives of the Proposed Kāpiti Coast District Plan (**PDP**).

In addition to wider plan wide provisions relating to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the National Grid, Transpower submitted five points on Chapter 2.

***Summary response to s42A Recommendations***

By way of summary, Transpower:

- Accepts the officer recommendations on submission points 208.1, 208.14, 208.15, 208.12 and 208.16.

***Section 42A Officers Report Recommendations and Transpower’s Response***

Transpower seeks five submission points on Chapter 2. Transpower has reviewed the Section 42A Report on submissions to Chapter 2 and is accepting of the officer’s recommendations on the submission points lodged by Transpower.

The following comments are specific to recommendations on submission points sought by Transpower with a very brief summary provided as to the relief sought by Transpower, followed by comments specific to the Section 42A recommendations.

**Objective 2.3 (Submission point 208.1)**

Transpower seeks Objective 2.3 be amended to delete the word ‘necessary’ and add the words ‘recognising the national and regional importance of the national grid’ after ‘infrastructure’.

Transpower accepts the officer’s recommendation to amend the objective by deleting the word “necessary”. On the basis of changes made to Objective 2.13 to refer to the importance and benefits of infrastructure Transpower accepts the recommendation to not include reference to recognising the importance of the National Grid within Objective 2.3.

**Objective 2.9 (Submission point 208.14)**

Transpower seeks Objective 2.9 be amended to: reflect that protection is sought from inappropriate subdivision, use and development as opposed to all activities; and reflect that consistent with part 2 of the RMA, protection should be afforded to significant and outstanding features as opposed to all natural areas.

Transpower accepts the officer's recommendation to amend the objective by inserting reference to "inappropriate subdivision, use and development" and applying the objective to outstanding natural features and landscapes and special amenity landscapes as opposed to all natural areas. The recommendation gives effect to the relief sought by Transpower.

**Objective 2.13 and Explanation (Submission point 208.15 and 208.12)**

Transpower seeks Objective 2.13 be amended to recognise the national, regional and local benefits of infrastructure, and on a regional as well as community basis. Within the explanation Transpower seeks recognition that some activities may restrict the operation of infrastructure.

Transpower accepts the officer's recommendation to amend the objective and explanation as the recommendations give effect to the relief sought by Transpower and are consistent with Policy 1 of the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 and Wellington Regional Policy Statement.

**Objective 2.20 Explanation (Submission point 208.16)**

Transpower seeks the Explanation to Objective 2.20 be amended to reflect that the assessment of effects of transmission at the time of assessing a generation proposal is not always practicable. Amendment is also sought to remove the assumption that transmission activities are likely to have adverse environmental effects. Such an assumption does not allow for consideration of the specific effects or mitigation measures.

Transpower accepts the officer's recommendation to amend the explanation so as to make it clear that while preferable, it is not a requirement to assess transmission activities at the same time as generation activities. The amendments align with the intent of the relief sought by Transpower and address Transpower's concerns.

Transpower is not proposing to adduce evidence to the hearing on Chapter 2 Objectives on the above points, given:

- It is largely satisfied with the officer's recommendations.
- The objectives are of a generic nature and Transpower will be appearing at later hearings to provide evidence on matters of specific relevance to the National Grid.

Transpower requests this letter be tabled at the hearing in support of Transpower's submission points and the Section 42A Report recommendations as outlined above.

Should you require clarification of any matter, please contact Sarah Shand at Transpower (04 590 7434), or on the following email: [environment.policy@transpower.co.nz](mailto:environment.policy@transpower.co.nz).

Yours faithfully



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