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Proposed Kapiti Coast District Plan Hearings Panel
Kapiti Coast District Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

HEARING REPORT: PROPOSED KAPITI COAST DISTRICT PLAN –

Chapter 9 – Hazards
Transpower Submission Points 208.45 to 208.50

Transpower New Zealand Ltd (“**Transpower**”) writes in relation to the hearing commencing on 2 August 2016 on Chapter 9 Hazards of the Proposed Kapiti Coast District Plan (**PDP**).

In addition to wider plan wide provisions relating to the ongoing operation and maintenance of the National Grid, Transpower submitted six points on Chapter 9 Hazards.

Summary response to s42A Recommendations

By way of summary, Transpower:

- Accepts the officer recommendations on the six submission points.

Section 42A Officers Report Recommendations and Transpower’s Response

Transpower seeks six submission points on Chapter 9. Transpower has reviewed the Section 42A Report and is largely 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.

Policy 9.3 and Explanation – Hazard Prone Area (Submission point 208.50)

Transpower seeks the retention of Policy 9.3, and this is accepted in hearing evidence in that the policy is retained, thereby giving effect to the relief sought by Transpower.

Rule 9A.5.1 – Non-complying Activity (Submission point 208.45)

Transpower seeks the National Grid be excluded from complying with the subdivision and development rule and instead consent be required as a discretionary activity. The officer recommendation is for the deletion of the rule on the basis it is not a risk based approach. The recommendation is supported as the outcome reflects the relief sought by Transpower in its submission.

Rule 9B.3.1 – Restricted Discretionary Activity (Submission point 208.46)

Transpower seeks the activity status for new network utilities within ponding areas be a controlled activity rather than restricted discretionary as is notified in the proposed district plan. The officer recommendation for the deletion of the rule is supported.

Transpower supports the placement of rules relating to the activity status of network utilities within Chapter 11 Infrastructure but wishes to retain its ability to comment on the activity status at the Chapter 11 hearing.

Rule 9B.5.1 – Non-complying Activity (Submission point 208.47)

Transpower seeks the activity status for new network utilities within an overflow path or residual path be a restricted discretionary activity rather than non-complying as is notified in the proposed district plan. The officer recommendation for the deletion of the rule is supported.

Transpower supports the placement of rules relating to the activity status of network utilities within Chapter 11 Infrastructure but wishes to retain its ability to comment on the activity status at the Chapter 11 hearing.

Rule 9B.5.4 – Non-complying Activity (Submission point 208.48)

Transpower seeks Rule 9B.5.4 be amended to 'exclude buildings associated with the National Grid', and instead provide a discretionary activity status for the National Grid.

While the officer recommendation is that the rule remain, the proposed exclusion of network utilities from the definition of 'building' means the rule is no longer applicable and relevant to the National Grid and on this basis, the recommendation is supported.

Transpower supports the placement of rules relating to the activity status of network utilities within Chapter 11 Infrastructure but wishes to retain its ability to comment on the activity status at the Chapter 11 hearing.

Rule 9C.5.2 – Non-complying Activity (Submission point 208.49)

Transpower seeks the non-complying rule for network utilities within fault avoidance areas be deleted and instead a new discretionary rule be provided for the National Grid.

The officer recommendation for the deletion of the rule is supported.

Transpower supports the placement of rules relating to the activity status of network utilities within Chapter 11 Infrastructure but wishes to retain its ability to comment on the activity status at the Chapter 11 hearing.

Hearing Attendance

Transpower is not proposing to adduce evidence to the hearing on Chapter 9 Hazards on the above points, given:

- It is satisfied with the officer's recommendations in so far as the above listed rules are to be deleted, or not apply to the National Grid as recommended for Rule 9B.5.4. Transpower retains its right to comment on the specific activity status at the Chapter 11 hearing.
- The revised hazard rules and the the bulk of provisions of particular relevance to Transpower will be addressed at the Chapter 11 Infrastructure hearing at which Transpower will be appearing.

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: Sarah.Shand@transpower.co.nz

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Shand', written in a cursive style.

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