

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
I MUA I TE KOOTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991  
AND of an appeal under cl 14 of Schedule 1 to  
the Act  
BETWEEN TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND  
LIMITED  
(ENV-2019-WLG-000108)  
Appellant  
AND WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL  
Respondent

Environment Judge B P Dwyer sitting alone pursuant to s 279 of the Act

In Chambers at Wellington

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**CONSENT ORDER**

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- [A] Under s 279(1)(b) of the Act, the Environment Court, by consent, orders that:
- (1) the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region is amended as set out in Appendix A attached to this order.
  - (2) This consent order deals with the part of the appeal that sought the inclusion of a new rule R156A, amendment to Rule R160 and consequential amendments to Rules R153, R155 and R164. This part of the appeal is otherwise dismissed.
- [B] Under s 285 of the Act, there is no order as to costs.

**REASONS**



**Introduction**

[1] The Court has read the notice of appeal and the memorandum of the parties dated 18 May 2020.

**Other relevant matters**

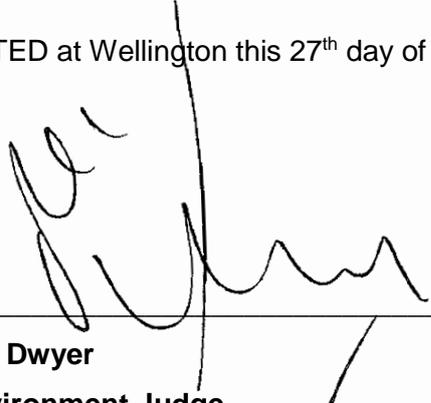
[2] The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc gave notice of an intention to become a party under s 274 to the part of the appeal settled by this consent order, and has signed the consent memorandum setting out the relief sought.

**Orders**

[3] The Court is making this order under s 279(1) of the Act, such order being by consent, rather than representing a decision or determination on the merits pursuant to s 297. The Court understands for present purposes that:

- (a) all parties to the proceedings have executed the memorandum requesting this order;
- (b) all parties are satisfied that all matters proposed for the Court's endorsement fall within the Court's jurisdiction, and conform to the relevant requirements and objectives of the Act including, in particular, Part 2.

DATED at Wellington this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2020

  
B P Dwyer  
Environment Judge



**Appendix A: advice note to be included as a new fifth paragraph to the interpretation section at the start of section 5.7 of the Proposed Plan**

[New text is shown in underline]

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Under section 86B of the Resource Management Act 1991 all rules have immediate legal effect from 31 July 2015. The associated definitions, schedules and maps applicable to those rules also have immediate legal effect.

Many activities relating to the operation, maintenance, upgrading, relocation or removal of an electricity transmission line and ancillary structures that existed prior to 14 January 2010 are controlled by the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities) Regulations 2009 (NESETA), separate to this Plan. Where the provisions of this Plan conflict with the requirements of the NESETA, the provisions of the NESETA apply.

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