

**In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Wellington Registry**

**I Te Kooti Taiao O Aotearoa
Te Whanganui-a-Tara Rohe**

ENV-2019-WLG-131

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act

Between **New Zealand Transport Agency**
Appellant

And **Wellington Regional Council**
Respondent

**Notice of Transpower New Zealand Limited's wish to be party to
proceedings**

Dated 9 October 2019

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To The Registrar
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- 1 Transpower New Zealand Limited (**'Transpower'**) wishes to be a party to an appeal by the New Zealand Transport Agency (**'Transport Agency'**) against the decisions of the Wellington Regional Council (the **'Respondent'**) on the proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (the **'Proposed Plan'**) (Court reference ENV-2019-WLG-131).
- 2 Transpower made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 Transpower also has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest the general public has. This is in relation to the regionally significant infrastructure addressed in the Policy P4 text sought by the Transport Agency. The Proposed Plan defines 'regionally significant infrastructure' as including the National Grid. Transpower owns and operates the National Grid, and its assets across the Wellington Region include 12 substations, 25 transmission lines, three submarine cables, four high voltage direct current links, five overhead fibre cables, and seven communications sites.
- 4 Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 5 Transpower is interested in part of the proceedings, being those aspects of the appeal that are set out below at paragraph 6 of this notice.
- 6 Transpower is interested in the following particular issues:
 - a The Transport Agency seeks to reinstate and amend Policy P4 to provide clarity on what 'minimise' means where minimisation of adverse effects is required by policies in the Proposed Plan; and
 - b The Transport Agency seeks to insert a new rule providing that existing structures in any wetland, bed of a lake or river or Coastal Marine Area are permitted activities.
- 7 Transpower takes the following positions on the relief sought:
 - a Conditionally supports the reinstatement and amendment of Policy P4, insofar as it goes some way towards the framework for managing effects suggested by Transpower's new Policy P13A, set out in its notice of appeal; and

- b Conditionally supports the new rule on existing structures as this would directly affect some structures owned and operated by Transpower.
- 8 Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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