

In the Environment Court  
At Christchurch

ENV-2025-CHC-66

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa  
Ki Ōtautahi

<b>Under the</b>	Resource Management Act 1991
<b>In the matter</b>	of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act
<b>Between</b>	<b>CHRISTCHURCH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED</b>  Appellant
<b>And</b>	<b>WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL</b>  Respondent

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**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF  
TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LIMITED**

**Dated: 12 September 2025**

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**To:** The Registrar  
Environment Court  
Christchurch

1. Transpower New Zealand Limited (**Transpower**) gives notice that it wishes to be a party to the appeal by Christchurch International Airport Limited (**CIAL**) on the decisions of the Waimakariri District Council (**Council**) on the partially operative Waimakariri District Plan.
2. Transpower is a person who made a submission on the relevant provisions appealed (#195 and further submission #92).
3. Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
4. Transpower is interested in CIAL's appeal points on Policies SD-04, EI-P5 and SUB-01 as set out in **Appendix 1** to this notice.
5. Generally, Transpower's reasons for its position on the CIAL appeal is that the relief sought on Policies SD-04, EI-P5 and SUB-01 may or will affect its ability to operate, maintain, develop and upgrade the National Grid, and will (where the relief is supported) or will not (where the relief is opposed) give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission (**NPSET**). Transpower's reasons for its position also include that the relief sought in the proceedings may conflict with the relief included in its Appeal.
6. More specific reasons for Transpower's position are set out in **Appendix 1**.

7. Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution for this proceeding.

**DATED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025



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## Appendix 1: Appeal points to join

Provision appealed	Relief sought	Position on relief and reason
SD-O4 Energy and infrastructure	<p>Amend SD-P4 as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improved accessibility and multi-modal connectivity is provided through a safe and efficient transport network that is able to respond to technology changes and contributes to the well-being and liveability of people and communities;</li> <li><u>the social, economic and environmental and cultural benefits of</u> infrastructure, including strategic infrastructure, critical infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>is recognised and provided for, and its safe, efficient and effective development, upgrading, maintenance and operation is enabled is able to operate efficiently and effectively;</u> and</li> <li><u>is enabled, while:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>managing adverse effects on the surrounding environment, having regard to the social, cultural and economic benefit, functional need and operational need of the infrastructure; and</u></li> <li><u>managing the adverse effects of other activities on infrastructure, including managing reverse sensitivity;</u></li> <li><u>strategic infrastructure, critical infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure is protected by avoiding adverse effects from incompatible development and activities, including reverse sensitivity effects.</u></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li><u>the adverse effects of strategic infrastructure, critical infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure on the surrounding environment are managed, having regard to the economic benefits and practical, technical and operational needs of that infrastructure.</u></li> <li>the importance of locally-sourced aggregate supply for infrastructure development is recognised and provided for in appropriate circumstances;</li> <li>the nature, timing and sequencing of new development and new infrastructure is integrated and coordinated; and</li> <li>encourage more environmentally sustainable outcomes as part of subdivision and development, including through the use of energy efficient buildings, green infrastructure and renewable electricity generation.</li> </ol>	<p>Support.</p> <p>While Transpower generally supports the Decision Version of SD-O4, CIAL's relief would more specifically give effect to the NPSET, and Policy 16.3.4 of the CRPS.</p>
EI-P5 Manage adverse effects of energy and infrastructure	<p>Amend EI-P5 as follows:</p> <p>Manage adverse effects of energy and infrastructure, <u>whilst having regard to the practical, technical and operational requirements of infrastructure,</u> including by <u>the following:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>enabling the ongoing operation, maintenance, repair, removal and minor upgrade of existing energy and infrastructure;</li> <li>providing for new energy and infrastructure, or major upgrades to existing energy and infrastructure while avoiding, remedying or mitigating adverse effects on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>natural and physical resources;</li> <li>amenity values;</li> <li>existing sensitive activities;</li> <li>the safe and efficient operation of other infrastructure;</li> <li>the health, safety and well-being of people and communities; ...</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Oppose.</p> <p>EI-P5 applies to the National Grid, and the relief sought is not consistent with the NPSET. In particular, Transpower opposes the inclusion of "practical" requirement. While Transpower is supportive of operational need and functional need being had regard to when making decisions on new or major upgrades to the National Grid, Transpower's appeal on EI-P5 addresses operational needs and functional needs of the National Grid in a different way, in order to give effect to the NPS-ET.</p>

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SUB-O1 Subdivision design	<p>Amend SUB-01 as follows:</p> <p>Subdivision design achieves an integrated pattern of land use, development, and urban form, that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. provides for anticipated land use and density that achieve the identified future character, form or function of zones;</li> <li>2. consolidates urban development and maintains rural character except where required for, and identified by, the District Council for urban development;</li> <li>3. supports protection of cultural and heritage values, conservation values, indigenous biodiversity values; <del>and</del></li> <li>4. supports community resilience to climate change and risk from natural hazards; <del>and</del></li> <li><u>5. does not facilitate development that gives rise to adverse effects on strategic infrastructure.</u></li> </ol>	<p>Support</p> <p>New clause (5) gives effect to Policies 10 and 11 of the NPSET, and Policy 16.3.4 of the CRPS.</p>