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For the Attention of the Hearings Panel – Waimakariri Proposed District Plan – Hearing Stream 10A.

Transpower New Zealand Limited (“Transpower”) writes in relation to the Waimakariri Proposed District Plan (“PDP”), and Hearing Stream 10A –Development Areas (noise contour, bird strike and growth policies), due to commence on 19 February 2024.

This is the fifth hearing of interest to Transpower on the PDP, with evidence lodged by Transpower to Hearing Streams 1-5. With respect to Hearing Stream 10A, Transpower lodged three submission points on the notified Development Area provisions. Given the broadly supportive nature of the S42A recommendations in response to Transpower’s relief, Transpower does not intend to appear before the Panel and provide evidence. Rather, it respectfully requests that this letter be tabled for the Panel’s consideration, to confirm its position in relation to its submission points and the Section 42A Report recommendations.

There is one outstanding matter that Transpower wishes to draw to the Panel’s attention. In relation to the SBK - Southbrook Development Area (Transpower submission point 195.113), paragraph 209 of the S42A report generally supports Transpower’s relief seeking amendments to the advisory note and the outline development plan (ODP). However, the recommendation does not explicitly state that the ODP should be amended to show the location of the National Grid. Transpower assumes that the recommendation intends to show the National Grid in a manner consistent with the S42A report “discussion”, but this should be clarified.

Attachment A to this letter outlines the relief sought by Transpower, the S42A recommendations, and Transpower’s response.

Should the Panel require clarification on any matter, please contact Rebecca Eng at Transpower (09 590 7072), or on the following email: environment.policy@transpower.co.nz.


Yours faithfully

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Provision		Submission	Section 42A Recommendation	Transpower Response
Part 3 – AREA SPECIFIC MATTERS				
Wāhanga waihanga – Development Areas				
Submission reference 195.111	Wāhanga waihanga – Development Areas General	<p>Support in part Transpower does not oppose the Development Area provisions in the Proposed District Plan but seeks that, where the National Grid is located in, or traverses, an identified development area, the provisions that apply to the Development Area recognise and provide for the National Grid in a manner that gives effect to the NPSET. It is noted that such an approach is consistent with Policy UFD-P10 (including as amended by this submission).</p> <p>Where the National Grid traverses any identified Development Area, as a minimum, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the National Grid transmission lines (and National Grid Yard) on the ODP; and include an ‘Advisory Note’ that confirms that in all cases Energy and Infrastructure Rules EI-R51, EI-R52 and EI-R53 apply to all activities and structures in the National Grid Yard and Subdivision Rule SUB-R6 applies to subdivision in the National Grid Subdivision Corridor (as amended by this submission). 	<p>The Section 42A Report recommends that Transpower’s submission be accepted and comments as follows: <i>“119. I agree with Transpower that the development area provisions need to be consistent with the NPSET, and where the National Grid intersects or is adjacent to development areas I have considered their specific relief in relation to the specific development areas.”</i></p>	<p>Transpower accepts the Section 42A Report recommendation.</p>
Submission reference 195.112	NWR – Northwest Rangiora Development Area	<p>Support in part and amend the provisions that apply to the NWR – North West Rangiora Development Area to, as a minimum, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the National Grid transmission lines (and National Grid Yard) on the ODP; and include the following addition to the ‘Advisory Note’: “For the avoidance of doubt, where an Activity or Built Form Standard is in conflict with this ODP, the ODP shall substitute the provision, <u>except that in all cases Energy and Infrastructure Rules EI-R51, EI-R52 and EI-R53 apply to all activities and structures in the National Grid Yard and Subdivision Rule SUB-R6 applies to subdivision in the National Grid Subdivision Corridor.</u> 	<p>The Section 42A Report recommends that Transpower’s submission be accepted and comments as follows: <i>“133. I agree with Transpower that the advisory note and ODP should be amended, as they are currently inconsistent with the NPSET. My understanding is that the ODP in the operative plan did not show the transmission lines as they were subject to a specific setback provision within the operative plan and the ODP pre-dated the requirements for identification with the CRPS. There are two transmission lines in this area – the Islington to Kikiwa 220 kV A and B lines, which form part of the core National Grid. It is noted that the ‘Doncaster ODP’ shown in Figure 1 above, shows a ‘No Build Area’ (light blue hatching) applying over the area traversed by the transmission lines and surrounding it.</i></p>	<p>Transpower accepts the Section 42A Report recommendation.</p>

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		<p>134. As noted above in Figure 1 the proposed submission ODP has a wide 'no-build' zone and an open space reserve next to or under the transmission lines, intended to reduce reverse sensitivity effects and provide for functioning of the National Grid. This would give effect to Transpower's concerns about the lack of recognition of the transmission lines in the existing PDP notified ODP."</p> <p>Figure 1 is as follows:</p> 	<p>The Section 42A Report recommends that the 'Advisory Note' is amended as sought by Transpower.</p>	
<p>Submission reference 195.113</p>	<p>SBK – Southbrook Development Area</p>	<p>Support in part and amend the provisions that apply to the SBK – Southbrook Development Area to, as a minimum, include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the National Grid transmission lines (and National Grid Yard) on the ODP; and include the following addition to the 'Advisory Note': <p>"For the avoidance of doubt, where an Activity or Built Form Standard is in conflict with this ODP, the ODP shall substitute the provision, <u>except that in all cases Energy and Infrastructure Rules EI-R51, EI-R52 and EI-R53 apply to all activities and structures in the National Grid Yard and Subdivision Rule SUB-R6 applies to subdivision in the National Grid Subdivision Corridor.</u>"</p>	<p>The Section 42A Report recommends that Transpower's submission be accepted and comments as follows:</p> <p><i>"209. I agree with Transpower that the advisory note and ODP should be amended, as they are currently inconsistent with the NPSET."</i></p> <p>The Section 42A Report recommends that the 'Advisory Note' is amended as sought by Transpower. However, the recommendation does not explicitly seek that the ODP show the location of the National Grid.</p>	<p>Transpower accepts the Section 42A Report recommendation on "discussion" but seeks that the ODP mapping component is carried into the</p>

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