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Hearing Panel
Hutt City Proposed District Plan
Hutt City Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

For the Attention of the Hutt City Proposed District Plan Hearing Panel
- **Hearing 9 – Designations**

Transpower New Zealand Limited ("Transpower") writes in relation to the Hutt City Proposed District Plan ("PDP") and Hearing Stream 9 – Designations, commencing on 8 December 2026. Within context of the specific topics[1] covered by Hearing 9, Transpower has submitted on Designations: Transpower New Zealand Ltd (TPR-01, TPR-02, TPR-03) and Greater Wellington Regional Council (WRC-12).

Given the confined nature of Transpower's interest to the hearing topic and the favourable nature of the officer recommendations, Transpower does not intend to appear before the panel and provide evidence at this hearing. 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 s 42A Report recommendations.

The following provides an overview of the (four) submission points of relevance to this hearing, and response to the s 42A Report recommendations.

Submission Points and Response to s 42A Report Recommendations

- **504.101, 504.102, 504.103** – Transpower supports the rollover of the designations (TPR-01, TPR-02 and TPR-03) and their identification in the planning maps. Transpower accepts the recommendation of the s 42A report to retain the designations as notified.
- **504.104 –** Transpower opposed the Notice of Requirement (NOR) for Greater Wellington Regional Council within Belmont Regional Park (WRC-12), seeking

[1] Topics covered by Hearing 9 are:
- Notices of Requirement
- Designations

clarification as to how the NOR will give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 (now updated by the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks 2008), and specifically how the National Grid Yard and National Grid Subdivision Corridor will be applied around existing National Grid assets within the Park. The s 42A Report accepts the submission point in part.

The s 42A Report notes the recent National Environmental Standards for Electricity Network Activities (NES-ENA) (which came into force on 8 October 2026) provides for National Grid corridor provisions which will prevail over the designation (noting WRC-12 is at the NOR stage). These provisions establish nationally consistent controls applying within the National Grid Yard and National Grid Subdivision Corridor and are intended to protect the National Grid from incompatible subdivision, land use and development.

Section 43D of the Resource Management Act expressly addresses the relationship between national environmental standards and designations. Of particular relevance, section 43D(4) provides that "*a national environmental standard that exists when a designation is made prevails over the designation*". The NES-ENA is operative and the proposed Greater Wellington Regional Council regional parks designation has not yet been confirmed. Accordingly, the NES-ENA prevails over the proposed designation, including the National Grid protection provisions contained in Subpart 6 of the NES-ENA.

As such, the proposed designation should therefore be assessed on the basis that future activities undertaken pursuant to the designation remain subject to the National Grid protection framework contained in regulations 73 – 82 in Subpart 6 of the NES-ENA. Those provisions establish nationally consistent controls applying within the National Grid Yard and National Grid Subdivision Corridor and are intended to protect the National Grid from incompatible subdivision, land use and development.

Transpower considers it inappropriate for the designation or any designation conditions to enable, anticipate or otherwise provide for structures, earthworks, visitor facilities or other activities within the National Grid Yard or National Grid Subdivision Corridor that would be inconsistent with the NES-ENA.

On this basis Transpower accepts the recommendation of the s 42A report on the basis that the designation will be subject to the National Grid Protection framework contained in regulations 73-82 in Subpart 6 of the NES-ENA.

Should the Hearing Panel require clarification on any matter, please contact Daniel Hamilton at Transpower (03 590 6926), or on the following email: environment.policy@transpower.co.nz.

Yours faithfully



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