

**IN THE MATTER OF**

Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (pTTPP)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

A hearing into the above pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991

**DATE OF HEARING**

Reconvened 15 February 2024

**QUESTION ARISING FROM JOINT WITNESS STATEMENT FOR  
RECONVENED HEARING**

**TOPICS:**

**Energy, Infrastructure & Transport (EIT)**

**Response from Martin Kennedy on behalf of Westpower**

**Comment on a question posed by the hearing panel for the reconvened Energy, Infrastructure & Transport (EIT) hearing on 15 February 2024**

1.0 In advance of the reconvened hearing the Commissioners posed a series of questions arising from the caucusing process undertaken by the planners.

1.1 One of the questions posed was;

*ENG – R4 (2)(ii)(c) – three new terms are introduced that do not appear anywhere else in the plan – ‘earthwire’, ‘earthgrid’ and ‘earthpeak’ – is there alternative means of addressing the matter that contains less jargon?*

1.2 As the question related to technical terms leave was granted by the panel to enable Westpower to review the clause and provide alternative wording for the matters included in the clause.

1.3 Westpower have reviewed proposed clause ENG-R4 (2)(ii)(c) and advise that to achieve the outcome sought in the question the clause could be reworded in more general terms,

*(c) Wires and associated equipment, both above and below ground, for the purpose of earthing (or grounding) required to ensure electrical safety to people and property. Such wires may also contain telecommunications lines.*

1.4 Westpowers view is that the industry standard terms should be retained as originally proposed for consistent implementation/interpretation of the rule.

1.5 I am happy to clarify any outstanding issues related to the question if it would assist the panel in considering the matter.