

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
CHRISTCHURCH REGISTRY**

**I MUA I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI ŌTAUTAHI**

ENV-2025-CHC-000139

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 to the Act

AND

IN THE MATTER of s 274 of the Act

BETWEEN **TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LIMITED**

Appellant

AND **TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE**

Respondent

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL'S WISH TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS
2 February 2026

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TO: The Registrar
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1. Buller District Council (**BDC**) wishes to be a party to the following proceedings:

Transpower New Zealand Limited v Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee

2. BDC made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
3. BDC has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has because BDC:
 - 3.1. Is the territorial authority responsible for administering and implementing Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**TTPP**) within the Buller District; and
 - 3.2. Has statutory responsibility for the functions set out at s 31 RMA (excluding any functions that have been transferred to Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee).
4. BDC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of ss 308C or 308A Resource Management Act 1991.
5. BDC is interested in part of the proceedings.
6. BDC is interested in the following particular issue:
 - 6.1. The interpretation and application of provisions relating to electricity transmission infrastructure; and
 - 6.2. Administration of TTPP.
7. BDC is neutral on the relief sought because:
 - 7.1. The relief sought would amend provisions relating to electricity transmission infrastructure with implications beyond the Appellant's assets, and BDC has an interest in ensuring that

any such amendments are coherent, consistent and workable within the overall framework of TTPP;

- 7.2. Any relief granted should be the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the Act, give effect to the relevant National Policy Statements and West Coast Regional Policy Statement and support and provide for a sustainable and strong Buller District and wider West Coast Region; and
 - 7.3. BDC's interest is in ensuring that the provisions of TTPP provide sufficient certainty and workability for both Transpower and for the Council in administering the Plan.
8. BDC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 2 February 2026



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- a) Posted to the solicitor at Fletcher Vautier Moore, Solicitors, PO Box 90, Nelson 7040; or
- b) Sent by email to both cthomsen@fvm.co.nz and ayardley@fvm.co.nz.

Advice

If you have any questions about this notice, contact the Environment Court in Auckland, Wellington, or Christchurch.