

In the Environment Court  
At Christchurch

ENV-2025-CHC-139

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa  
Ki Ōtautahi

**Under the** Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**)

**In the matter** of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 and section 274 of the RMA.

**Between** **TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LIMITED**

Appellant

**And** **TE TAI O POUTINI PLAN COMMITTEE**

Respondent

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**NOTICE OF TE RŪNANGA O NGĀTI WAEWAE, TE RŪNANGA O MAKAAWHIO AND  
TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU WHO WISH TO BECOME A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS**

**Dated:** 2 February 2026

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## **Introduction**

1. Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio (collectively referred to as **Poutini Ngāi Tahu**) and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (**TRoNT**) wish to be a party to an appeal made by Transpower (**Appellant**) against parts of the Te Tai o Poutini Plan Committee (**TTPP Committee**) decision on the Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan (**TTPP**).
2. Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT made a submission about the subject matter of the proceeding (Submission 620 and Further Submission 41). Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT either made a submission on the relevant provisions appealed, or the appeal points concern the same subject matter and issues that are prevalent throughout its submissions.
3. Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT also have an interest that is greater than the interest of the general public, as mana whenua of the land that is subject to the TTPP and for the reasons set out in its Notice of Appeal, ENV-2025-CHC-134, at [6] to [12].
4. Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT are not trade competitors for the purposes of 308C or 308CA of the RMA.

## **Interest in proceedings**

5. The parts of the proceedings that Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT seek to join, its position on those appeals, and the reasons for that position are set out in **Appendix A**.
6. More generally where the relief is opposed, the relief:
  - (a) Will not promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources, and will not achieve the purpose of the RMA, in that it:

- (i) fails to sustain the potential of natural and physical resources to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations;
  - (ii) does not safeguard the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and
  - (iii) fails to appropriately avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse effects of activities on the environment;
- (b) Is contrary to Part 2 of the RMA, including sections 6(e), 7 and 8;
  - (c) Is not the most appropriate way to achieve the purpose of the RMA, as required under section 32 of the RMA; and
  - (d) Does not properly give effect to direction in relevant national instruments.

7. Poutini Ngāi Tahu and TRoNT agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

**DATED** 2 February 2026



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Appendix A – Poutini Ngāi Tahu and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu appeal position

PROVISION	APPELLANT RELIEF (SHOWN IN <u>UNDERLINED</u> AND <del>STRUCK THROUGH</del> BLACK FONT)	POUTINI NGĀI TAHU AND TRONT POSITION ON RELIEF AND REASONS
Energy Chapter	ENG - P8	Oppose
ENG-P8	Add: <u>f. In the event of any conflict with any other policies within the Plan Policy ENG-P8 takes precedence.</u>	The policies relating to SASM and other section 6 matters need to be considered jointly rather than a blanket override in the event of any conflict.  The relief sought does not give effect to new Policy 3 of the NPS for Electricity Networks (NPS-EN). Any amendments to give effect to updated national direction need to be carefully considered with all relevant national policy in mind, alongside the parts of Part 2 of the RMA not subject to a national instrument.
Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	Add: <u>... x. In the event of any conflict with any other policies within the Plan relating to indigenous biodiversity, Policy ECO-P11 takes precedence.</u>	Oppose  The NPS-EN, including Policy 6, do not address ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity. While the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023 does not apply to the development, operation, maintenance or upgrade of electricity transmission network assets and activities, section 6 still does. The Explanatory Note states that local authority planning documents that govern RMA matters remains relevant.  The relief is not considered necessary to give effect to the NPS-EN. Any amendments to give effect to updated national direction need to be carefully considered with all relevant national policy in mind, alongside the parts of Part 2 of the RMA not subject to a national instrument.