

In the Environment Court of New Zealand
at Christchurch

I mua i te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
I te rohe o Ōtautahi

ENV-2025-CHC-000133

under: the Resource Management Act 1991

in the matter of: an appeal pursuant to clause 14(1) of the First Schedule
to the Resource Management Act 1991

between: **Westpower Limited**
Appellant

and: **Buller District Council**
Respondent

and: **Grey District Council**
Respondent

and: **Westland District Council**
Respondent

Notice of Transpower New Zealand Limited's wish to be party to
proceedings

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NOTICE OF TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND LIMITED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS

Section 274, Resource Management Act 1991

To The Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

- 1 Transpower New Zealand Limited (*Transpower*) wishes to be a party to appeal ENV-2025-CHC-000133 (*Appeal*) by Westpower Limited against parts of a decision of the Buller, Grey and Westland District Councils (*Councils*) on Te Tai o Poutini Plan, being the proposed combined District Plan for the West Coast, covering Buller, Grey and Westland districts (*Proposed Plan*) (*Decision*).
- 2 Transpower made a submission (number 299) and further submission (number 110) about the subject matter of these proceedings.
- 3 Transpower is also a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the public generally, in that it is the State-Owned Enterprise that plans, builds, maintains, owns and operates New Zealand's electricity transmission network – the National Grid. The national significance of the electricity network must be recognised, protected and provided for under the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks 2008 (*NPSEN*).
- 4 Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 5 Transpower is interested in all parts of the Appeal that seek changes to provisions that address Transpower's ability to operate, maintain, develop and upgrade the electricity transmission network, including relief sought in relation to:
 - 5.1 Part 1 – Definitions;
 - 5.2 Part 2 – NENV – Natural Environment;
 - 5.3 Part 2 – CCR – Climate Change and Resilience;
 - 5.4 Part 2 - ENG – Energy;
 - 5.5 Part 2 - ECO – Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity;
 - 5.6 Part 2 - NC – Natural Character and the Margins of Waterbodies;

- 5.7 Part 2 - NFL – Natural Features and Landscapes;
 - 5.8 Part 2 – FC – Financial Contributions;
 - 5.9 Part 2 - CE – Coastal Environment; and
 - 5.10 Part 2 - EW – Earthworks.
- 6 Transpower seeks that any changes to give effect to the relief sought in the Appeal are consistent with Transpower’s interests or the relief sought in Transpower’s appeal and:
- 6.1 Give effect to the NPSEN, the Objective of the NPSEN which requires the national significance of the electricity network is recognised, protected and provided for, and the accompanying policies.
 - 6.2 Give effect to the West Coast Regional Policy Statement. Specifically, Chapter 6 (Policies 2 and 7) and Chapter 9 (Policy 2) which among other directions, require the Proposed Plan to provide for the development, operation, maintenance and upgrading of National Grid infrastructure.
 - 6.3 Promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
 - 6.4 Promote the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources, particularly the National Grid.
 - 6.5 Meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations.
 - 6.6 Result in the most appropriate provisions in terms of section 32 of the RMA.
- 7 Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Signed for and on behalf of Transpower New Zealand Limited by its solicitors and authorised agents Chapman Tripp



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