

**In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Wellington Registry**

**I Mua I Te Koti Taiao o Aotearoa
Te Whanganui-a-Tara**

ENV-2025-WLG-000015

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

In the matter of an appeal under Clause 14(1) of the First Schedule of the Act

And in the matter of decisions by Wellington City Council in respect of the Proposed Wellington City District Plan.

Between **The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated**
Appellant

And **Wellington City Council**
Respondent

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

Dated 5 September 2025

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To The Registrar
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- 1 Transpower New Zealand limited (**'Transpower'**) wishes to be a party to an appeal by The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (**'the Appellant'**) against the decisions of Wellington City Council (the **'Respondent'**) on the Proposed Wellington City District Plan (**'PDP'**) (ENV-2025-WLG-000015).
- 2 Transpower:
 - a Is a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has. This is because Transpower is the State-Owned Enterprise that plans, builds, maintains and operates New Zealand's National Grid, and the Appellant's relief includes amendments to provisions that relate to these functions; and
 - b Made a submission (number 315) and further submission (number FS029) about the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4 Transpower is interested in part of the proceedings, being those aspects of the appeal that are set out below at paragraph 5 of this notice.
- 5 Transpower is interested in the following particular issues:
 - a Amendments sought to the INF Chapter Introduction;
 - b Amendments sought to the INF Chapter Objectives;
 - c Amendments sought to INF-P6;
 - d Amendments sought to apply the CE Chapter to all infrastructure in the coastal environment;
 - e Amendments sought to apply the ECO Chapter to all infrastructure;
 - f Amendments sought to apply the NFL Chapter to all infrastructure;
 - g Amendments sought to the INF-NG Subchapter Introduction;

- h Amendments sought to the INF-NG Subchapter Policies;
 - i Amendments sought to the INF-NG Subchapter Rules; and
 - j Additional rules sought in the ECO Chapter relating to vegetation works outside of a Significant Natural Area ('**SNA**').
- 6 Transpower has set out its position in relation to the above provisions and its reasons in **Appendix A** to this notice.
- 7 Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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Appendix A Table of PDP provisions of interest

TABLE OF PDP PROVISIONS OF INTEREST		
PROVISION	POSITION	REASON
INF Introduction	Oppose	Transpower opposes the relief sought by the Appellant on the basis that it would make National Grid activities subject to additional PDP provisions (such as those located in the ECO, NATC, NFL, and CE chapters). These matters are already addressed in the INF-NG Subchapter.
INF Objectives	Oppose	<p>Transpower opposes the relief sought by the Appellant on the basis that it would make National Grid activities subject to additional PDP provisions (such those located in the ECO, NATC, NFL, and CE chapters). These matters are already addressed in the INF-NG Subchapter.</p> <p>Transpower also opposes the Appellant's alternative relief sought, as the INF-NG Subchapter already addresses the values which the Appellant is concerned about.</p>
INF-P6	Oppose	Policy INF-P6 is relevant to National Grid activities which are not regulated by the INF-NG subchapter. Transpower opposes the amendments sought as these would impose an 'avoid' directive, which may be contrary to the directions provided by the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission.
Amendments sought to apply the CE Chapter to all infrastructure in the coastal environment	Oppose	Transpower opposes the relief sought by the Appellant on the basis that it would make National Grid activities subject to the PDP provisions in the CE chapter. These matters are already addressed in the INF-NG Subchapter.
Amendments sought to apply the ECO Chapter to all infrastructure	Oppose	Transpower opposes the relief sought by the Appellant on the basis that it would make National Grid activities subject to the PDP provisions in the ECO chapter. These matters are already addressed in the INF-NG Subchapter.
Amendments sought to apply the NFL Chapter to all infrastructure	Oppose	Transpower opposes the relief sought by the Appellant on the basis that it would make National Grid activities subject to the PDP provisions NFL chapter. These matters are already addressed in the INF-NG Subchapter.

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INF-NG Subchapter Introduction	Oppose	Transpower opposes the relief sought by the Appellant on the basis that it would make National Grid activities subject to additional PDP provisions (such those located in the ECO, NATC, NFL, and CE chapters). These matters are already addressed in the INF-NG Subchapter.
INF-NG Policies	Oppose	Transpower opposes the Appellant's relief sought regarding the subchapter Policies. This is because the amendments would significantly alter the relationship between the INF-NG Subchapter and other PDP chapters.
INF-NG Rules	Oppose	Transpower opposes the Appellant's relief sought regarding the subchapter Rules. This is because the amendments would significantly alter the relationship between the INF-NG Subchapter and other PDP chapters.
Additional ECO Rules relating to vegetation works outside of a SNA	Oppose	Transpower opposes the Appellant's relief as the SNA provisions in the PDP are sufficient to protect significant indigenous vegetation, and blanket vegetation rules are unnecessary.