

**Before the Wellington City Council Proposed District Plan Hearings  
Panel**

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Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

In the matter of the Wellington City Council Proposed District Plan–  
Hearing Stream 12

**ISPP wrap up and integration hearing**

- **Plan integration (schedule 1)**
- **Tranche 2 wrap up**
- **Missed submissions**

Between **Wellington City Council**  
Local authority

And **Transpower New Zealand Limited**  
Submitter 315 and Further Submitter FS29

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**Statement of evidence of Pauline Mary Whitney for Transpower New  
Zealand Limited**

Dated 23 October 2024

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## 1 Background

1.1. As directed by Minute 57, the consideration of Indigenous Biodiversity and the National Grid (within context of the officer recommended INF-NG Sub-Chapter) is deferred to this wrap up hearing.

1.2. Hearing evidence<sup>1</sup> on the topic was provided to Hearing Stream 11. As outlined<sup>2</sup> in the S42A report to Hearing Stream 12, my Hearing Stream 11 evidence:

*“provided general support for the INF-NG sub-chapter policy framework as recommended by the reporting officer in Hearing Stream 9 and further supported and implemented through recommendations of the reporting officer in Hearing Stream 11. Ms Whitney seeks to address “the rule gaps in ensuring an appropriate framework for SNAs within the Infrastructure – National Grid sub chapter”.*

1.3. The S42A Report for Hearing Stream 12 has assessed my lodged evidence and provided recommendations.

1.4. I can confirm that my lodged Hearing Stream 11 stands, remains relevant and I support the majority of the S42A Report for Hearing Stream 12, being:

1. Amendments to the INF-NG chapter introduction to clarify the sub-chapter manages National Grid asset activities in SNAs.
2. Replication of a similar clarification statement on the relationship between the chapter and NESETA in the introduction to section 3
3. Inclusion of a NESETA exclusion in relevant rules; INF-NG-R61; INF-NG-R64, INF-NGR65.
4. The inclusion of a reference to SNAs within those rules that apply to existing National Grid assets; INF-NG-R64 and INF-NG-R65.
5. The inclusion of a reference to SNAs within those rules that apply to new National Grid assets; INF-NG-R66 and INF-NG-R67.

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<sup>1</sup> Planning Evidence of Paulien Whitney dated 28 August 2024 and Transpower company evidence of Sarah Shand dated 28 August 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Wellington City Proposed District Plan: Part 1 Sch 1 Wrap up hearing S42A Report, paragraph 70.

- 1.5. The only outstanding query I have is in relation to recommendation 4 above – and why reference to SNA’s has not been recommended to be included in INF-NG-R61 (as was sought in my Hearing Stream 11 evidence at paragraph 7.17.)
- 1.6. The only other matter which is not directly related to the Grid specific chapter is a potential inconsistency between the provisions within INF-R7 within Appendix A<sup>3</sup> of Hearing Stream 12, and that shown in the Officer Right of Reply to Hearing Stream 9<sup>4</sup>. Extracts from the respective reports are provided below.

INF-R7	<p><del>Infrastructure Structures</del> <b>for associated with infrastructure including:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Substations (including switching stations);</b></li> <li>2. <b>Transformers;</b></li> <li>3. <b>Gas transmission and distribution structures;</b></li> <li>4. <b>Energy storage batteries not enclosed by a building; and</b></li> <li>5. <b>Communications kiosks; and</b></li> <li>6. <b><u>Bus Shelters; and</u></b></li> <li>7. <b><u>Electric Vehicle Charging Stations.</u></b></li> </ol>
All Zones	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Activity status: <b>Permitted</b></li> </ol> <p>Where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>a. In the Rural Production, Rural Lifestyle or General Industrial Zones, the maximum building and structure height standard for that Zone is complied with. In all other zones INF-S6 must be complied with;</del></li> <li><del>b. Any substation, gas regulation valve and/or takeoff station or energy storage batteries are set back at least 2m from a residential site boundary;</del></li> <li><del>c. Compliance is achieved with INF-S7, and INF-S15; and</del></li> <li><del>d. Compliance is achieved with INF-S1.</del></li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Compliance is achieved with INF-S7;</li> <li>b. Structures located within the road reserve or rail corridor comply with INF-S1415;</li> <li>c. Structures located outside the road reserve or rail corridor in the <b>General Rural Zone Production, Rural Lifestyle</b> or General Industrial Zone comply with that zone’s maximum building and structure height standards</li> <li>d. Structures located outside the road reserve or rail corridor and outside the General Rural Zone and General Industrial Zone comply with INF-S6:</li> </ol>

Figure 1. Hearing Stream 12

<sup>3</sup> [inf.pdf \(wellington.govt.nz\)](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Appendix A - Recommended Amendments - Infrastructure \(wellington.govt.nz\)](#)

INF-R7	<p><u>Infrastructure Structures not otherwise managed by specific rules in this chapter associated with infrastructure including:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Substations (including switching stations);</li> <li>2. Transformers;</li> <li>3. Gas transmission and distribution structures;</li> <li>4. Energy storage batteries not enclosed by a building; <b>and</b></li> <li>5. Communications kiosks; <b>and</b></li> <li>6. <del>Bus Shelters</del>; <b>and</b></li> <li>7. <del>Electric Vehicle Charging Stations</del>.</li> </ol>
All Zones	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Activity status: <b>Permitted</b></li> </ol> <p>Where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In the <del>General Rural Production, Rural Lifestyle</del> or General Industrial Zones, the maximum building and structure height standard for that Zone is complied with. In all other zones INF-S6 must be complied with;</li> <li>b. Any substation, <del>gas regulation valve and/or</del> takeoff station or energy storage batteries are set back at least 2m from a residential site <del>side or rear</del> boundary (<del>but not a road boundary</del>);</li> <li>c. Compliance is achieved with INF-S7, <del>and</del> INF-S1445 <del>and</del> INF-S16; and</li> <li>d. Compliance is achieved with INF-S1.</li> </ol>

Figure 2. Hearing Stream 9

1.7. My query relates to the lack of consistency between the provisions in red shown in Figure 1, and that shown in red, blue and purple in Figure 2. I am aware that the Hearing Stream 12 S42A report outlined on page 37 consequential amendments to INF-R7, but I am not clear where the deletion of (the below) standards a. to d. has come from (in terms of S42A Reports),

- ~~a. In the Rural Production, Rural Lifestyle or General Industrial Zones, the maximum building and structure height standard for that Zone is complied with. In all other zones INF-S6 must be complied with;~~
- ~~b. Any substation, gas regulation valve and/or takeoff station or energy storage batteries are set back at least 2m from a residential site boundary;~~
- ~~c. Compliance is achieved with INF-S7, and INF-S15; and~~
- ~~d. Compliance is achieved with INF-S1.~~

and where the below 'replacement' clauses have come from as they were not part of the notified PDP.

- a. Compliance is achieved with INF-S7;
- b. Structures located within the road reserve or rail corridor comply with INF-S1445;
- c. Structures located outside the road reserve or rail corridor in the ~~General Rural Zone Production, Rural Lifestyle~~ or General Industrial Zone comply with that zone's maximum building and structure height standards
- d. Structures located outside the road reserve or rail corridor and outside the General Rural Zone and General Industrial Zone comply with INF-S6:

**Pauline Mary Whitney**

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