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Wanganui District Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SUBMISSION BY TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND LIMITED ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 20 TO THE WANGANUI DISTRICT PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

Transpower is the State Owned Enterprise that owns, maintains, operates and develops New Zealand's high voltage transmission network, the National Grid. The National Grid comprises of a network of steel towers, poles, lines and substations which transports the electricity generated by power stations to the distribution networks of each region, which in turn conveys electricity to domestic, commercial and industrial users in the region.

2. TRANSPOWER'S SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 20

Proposed Plan Change 20 proposes to make minor amendments to the District Plan text and format to allow the Plan to be accessed online. Transpower supports the intent of the Proposed Plan Change and the reformatting of the District Plan. However Transpower opposes the proposed changes to Environment Policy P53 which is proposed as follows:

~~P53 Waterways 3-8-5 Environment Policy 8— Maintain, or enhance where appropriate, the natural character of the Districts waterways (coast, wetlands, lakes and rivers) and their margins, and protect them from inappropriate subdivision, use, natural character, ecological values and the extent to which ensure that adverse effects are avoided, remedied or mitigated...~~

These changes go beyond the scope of the Plan Change and are more than reformatting. In particular, the removal of the word "where appropriate" changes the intent of the policy. The current policy, with the phrase "where appropriate", suitably qualifies the requirement to refer

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to a situation where something is capable of being done successfully in the circumstances that apply to that particular situation. This is particularly important as activities associated with the establishment, operation, maintenance and upgrading of many forms of infrastructure inevitably generate some level of adverse environmental effects on the environment and in some cases it is not practical to avoid, remedy or mitigate all such effects. Furthermore, the removal of "where appropriate" would mean that the policy requires all riparian margins to be maintained or enhanced. This is particularly difficult where transmission line traverse such areas and require ongoing maintenance of riparian vegetation to maintain safe separation distances in accordance with the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003.

I note that Transpower does not support the drafting of this policy as it currently stands in the District Plan, however there is not scope within this plan change to request changes to it. Accordingly, Transpower seeks that the Plan Change does not alter the wording of this Policy, as it is more than just reformatting the policy.

3. RELIEF SOUGHT

That the wording of Environmental Policy 8 remains unchanged as follows:

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4. CONCLUSION

Thank you for your time and acknowledgement of the concerns raised in the Transpower's submission. Please do not hesitate to contact the writer on (09) 917-4302 should you wish to clarify any matter addressed herein. Transpower does not wish to be heard in support of its submission.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SUBMISSION BY POWERCO LIMITED ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 20 TO THE WANGANUI DISTRICT PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

Powerco Limited ("Powerco") is New Zealand's second largest gas and electricity distribution Company. Powerco's network spreads across the upper and lower central North Island servicing over 400,000 consumers, which represents forty six per cent of the gas connections and sixteen per cent of the electricity connections in New Zealand. Powerco has electricity and gas assets located within the Wanganui District.

2. POWERCO'S SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 20

Proposed Plan Change 20 proposes to make minor amendments to the District Plan text and format to allow the Plan to be accessed online. Powerco supports the intent of the Proposed Plan Change and the reformatting of the District Plan. However Powerco opposes the proposed changes to Environment Policy P53 which is proposed as follows:

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I note that Powerco does not support the drafting of this policy as it currently stands in the District Plan, however there is not scope within this plan change to request changes to it. Accordingly, Powerco seeks that the Plan Change does not alter the wording of this Policy, as it is more than just reformatting the policy.

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4. CONCLUSION

Thank you for your time and acknowledgement of the concerns raised in the Powerco's submission. Please do not hesitate to contact the writer on (09) 917-4302 should you wish to clarify any matter addressed herein. Powerco does not wish to be heard in support of its submission.

Yours sincerely

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Wanganui District Council
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Dear Sirs

Re: Plan Change 20: District Plan Online

While I support in principle the proposal to only have the District Plan available on-line, I do have some serious comments about the need to make this user-friendly. I recently accessed the www.dp.wanganui.govt.nz website and found a number of frustrations with it, some of which could be sorted out quite easily.

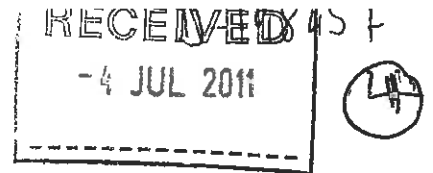
First of all, I do not have access to broadband at home and do not expect to have this for perhaps five years or so. I am not alone in this; Wanganui is a very rural district where a lot of people are unable to access broadband. Therefore, you should make sure that the on-line district plan website can be accessed reasonably easily in sections. For example, the maps section takes a long time to access. It could be split into smaller sub-sections which may make this easier for those of us on dial-up internet. In addition, I was totally unable to download the Plan Change 21 reports from the website; I gave up and had to go to town to get them in hard copy.

Secondly, the website should have better links between sections. For example, the heritage chapters should have a link to the heritage inventory. You should not have to go back to the "Plan Overview Page" to find this. In addition, I found it extremely frustrating that the section on Plan Change 21 had links to the reports, etc but not to the map and did not say there was a map and where it could be found! After a great deal of effort I found it in the maps section, which as I noted above, takes forever to access. Once located, the little map itself downloaded quite easily.

So, I would appreciate it if the needs of all types of users could be taken into account with the on-line District Plan and your development of this website.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Pettigrew



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An amendment to Plan Change 20 and 21

My amendment recognises the right of every citizen to do what he or she wants to do with his or her property. It recommends that every property owner should have that right. The effect of such legislation will be to treat every property as "laissez faire" which means "let alone" and in principle to "allowing things to look after themselves" to enable business to thrive everywhere, which Councils do not seem to understand the ramifications of. Only by treating properties with "laissez faire" rights may business thrive everywhere. This is my submission.

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