Attachment- 02

FNSF Response to Transpower New Zealand Limited Submission

1. Introduction

Far North Solar Farm Limited (FNSF) thanks Transpower New Zealand Limited for its submission in respect of The Point Solar Farm application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

FNSF acknowledges Transpower's role as owner and operator of the National Grid and confirms its commitment to ensuring that the Project does not compromise the safe operation, maintenance, upgrading or development of the BEN-ISL-A 220kV transmission line traversing the site.

FNSF responds to the matters raised in sequence below.

2. National Grid Yard (NGY) and Setbacks

The BEN-ISL-A transmission line traverses the site north–south and is subject to a 12m National Grid Yard (NGY) either side of the centreline.

FNSF confirms:

- No buildings or permanent structures are proposed within the NGY.
- All works will comply with NZECP34:2001.
- The site layout maintains appropriate separation from towers BEN-ISL-A0079 to BEN-ISL-A0088.
- The easement line is set at 20m from the centre of the transmission tower and runs continuously along the full corridor.

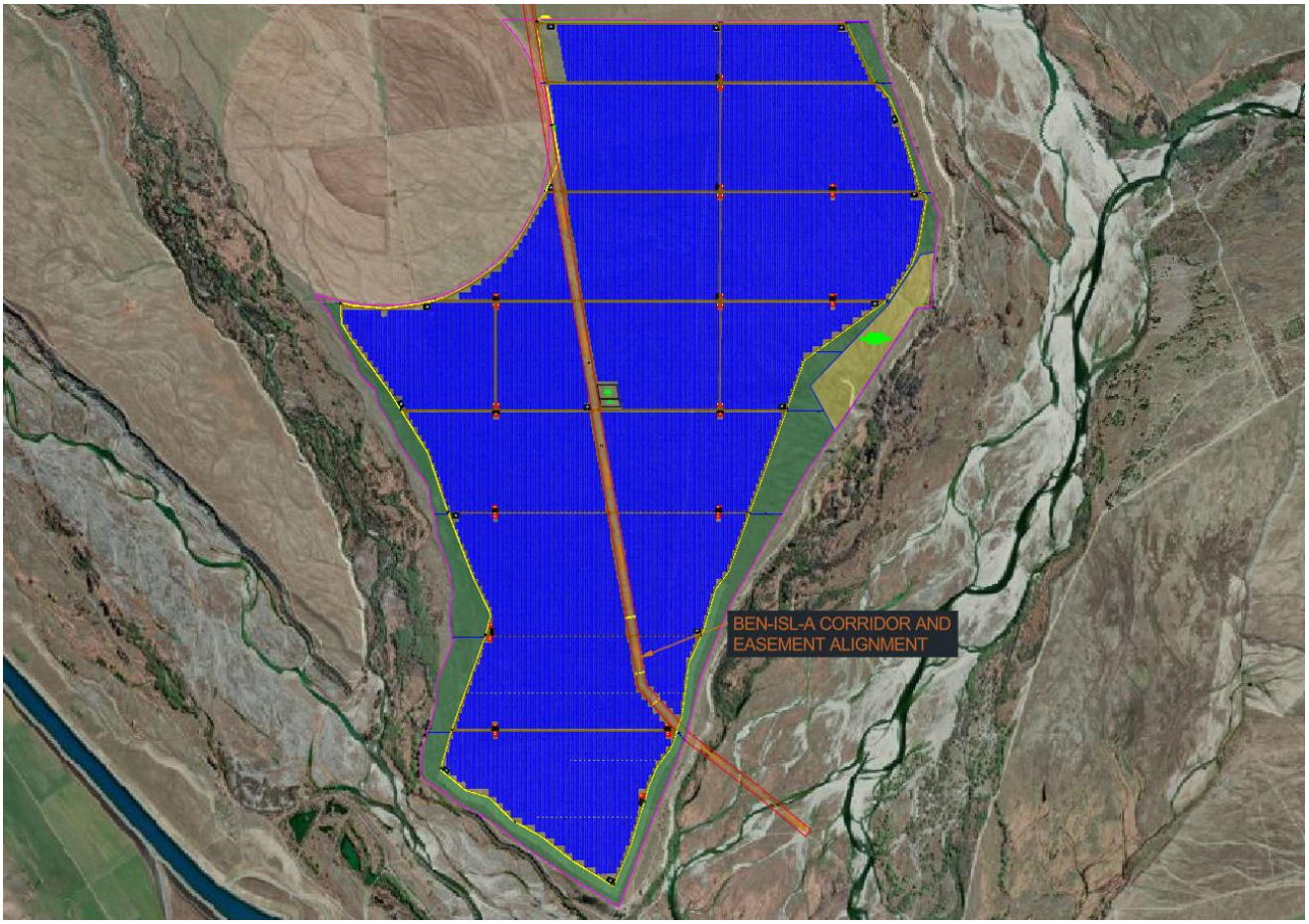

Figure 1: *Site Layout Plan showing BEN-ISL-A corridor and easement alignment.*

3. Plant Road / Accessways

Transpower requested confirmation that internal accessways servicing National Grid assets provide a minimum 6m physical width.

FNSF confirms:

- The formed road width is 4m.
- A minimum of 1m clearance is provided on either side.
- In practice, the layout provides approximately 9m total physical width (3m setback to security fence + 4m formed road + 2m setback to PV modules).

This exceeds Transpower's minimum requirement. The plant road extends from the main entrance to tower BEN-ISL-A0079 and provides continuous access along the corridor.

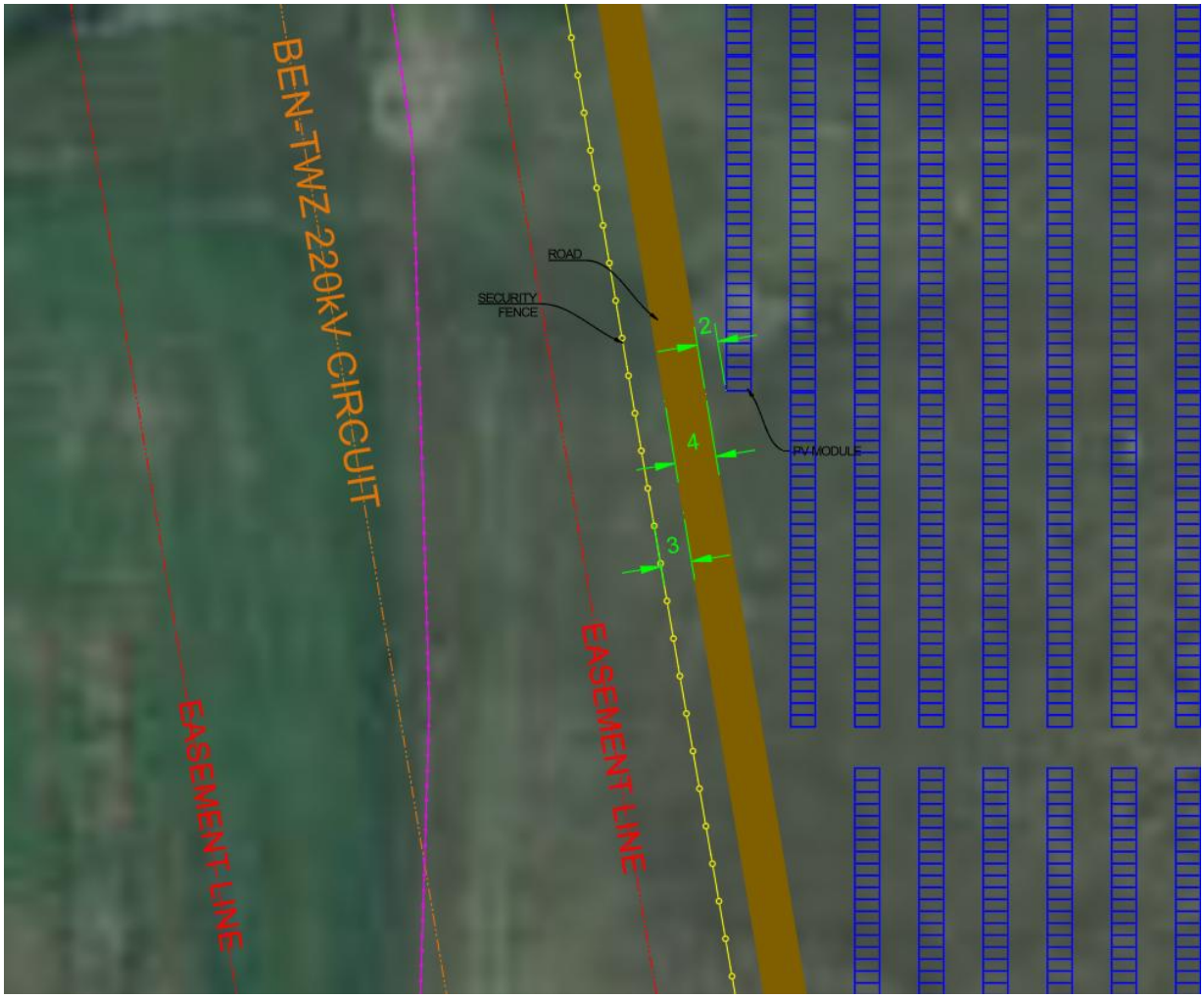

Figure 2: Road cross-section and setback illustration.

4. Fencing and Gates

Transpower requested that fencing across the corridor maintain access and comply with NZECP34.

FNSF confirms:

- Main entrance gate width: minimum 10m.
- Emergency corridor access gate: minimum 6m.
- Fencing within proximity to the transmission line will comply with NZECP34.
- Non-conductive fencing materials or appropriate earthing will be used as required.
- A fencing arrangement plan will be incorporated within the final TCMP process.

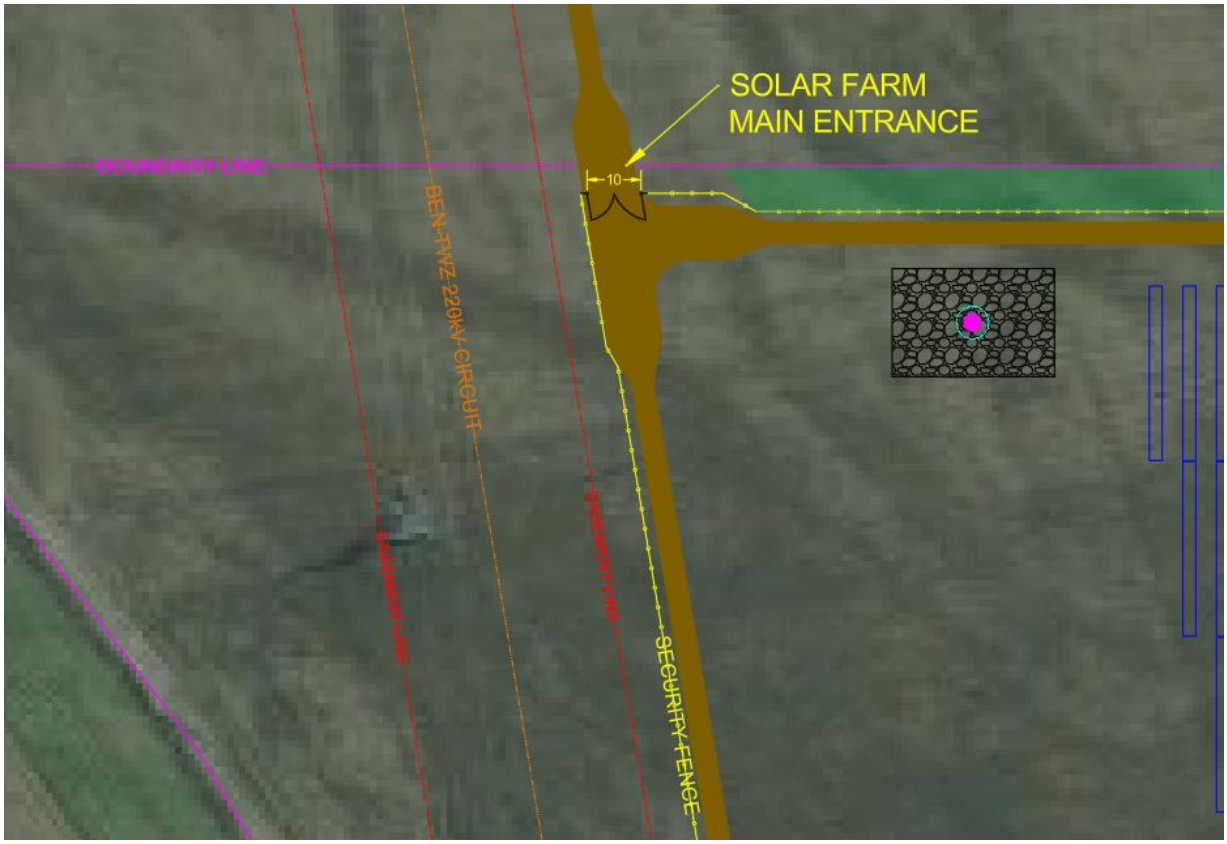

Figure 3: Main entrance and corridor gate details

5. Machinery, Mobile Plant and Clearances

Transpower requires clarity and to ensure vehicles and any loads being lifted or transported underneath the transmission lines also comply with NZECP34:2001 requirements.

FNSF confirms:

- All machinery and mobile plant will maintain a minimum 4m clearance from live conductors in accordance with NZECP34.
- Condition 52 (maximum 2.1m reach) can be deleted, as NZECP34 governs clearance requirements.
- Construction controls will be formalised through the Transpower Construction Management Plan (TCMP).

6. Vegetation and Landscaping- RMM Input

Transpower comments in relation to the planting proposed near the National Grid assets.

As per the RMM response, the Landscape Mitigation Plan has been updated to capture Transpower's comments in their paragraphs 4.11 – 4.14. Notable:
The proposed plant species within 12m either side of the centreline of Transpower transmission line, being a 24m long x 35m wide area will consist of the following plant species, or similar, that have a mature height of no taller than 3m.

- Carmichaelia kirkii (Kirk's Broom)
- Carmichaelia petriei (Petrie's Broom)
- Ozothamnus leptophyllus (Cottonwood)

A Transpower Transmission Line Setback Area has been included. This area measures 30m north and 30m south from the outside of the transmission lines. The accompanying note stipulates that proposed plants within the Transpower Transmission Line Setback Area must be situated so when they are mature, they cannot fall and land within 4m of the transmission line.

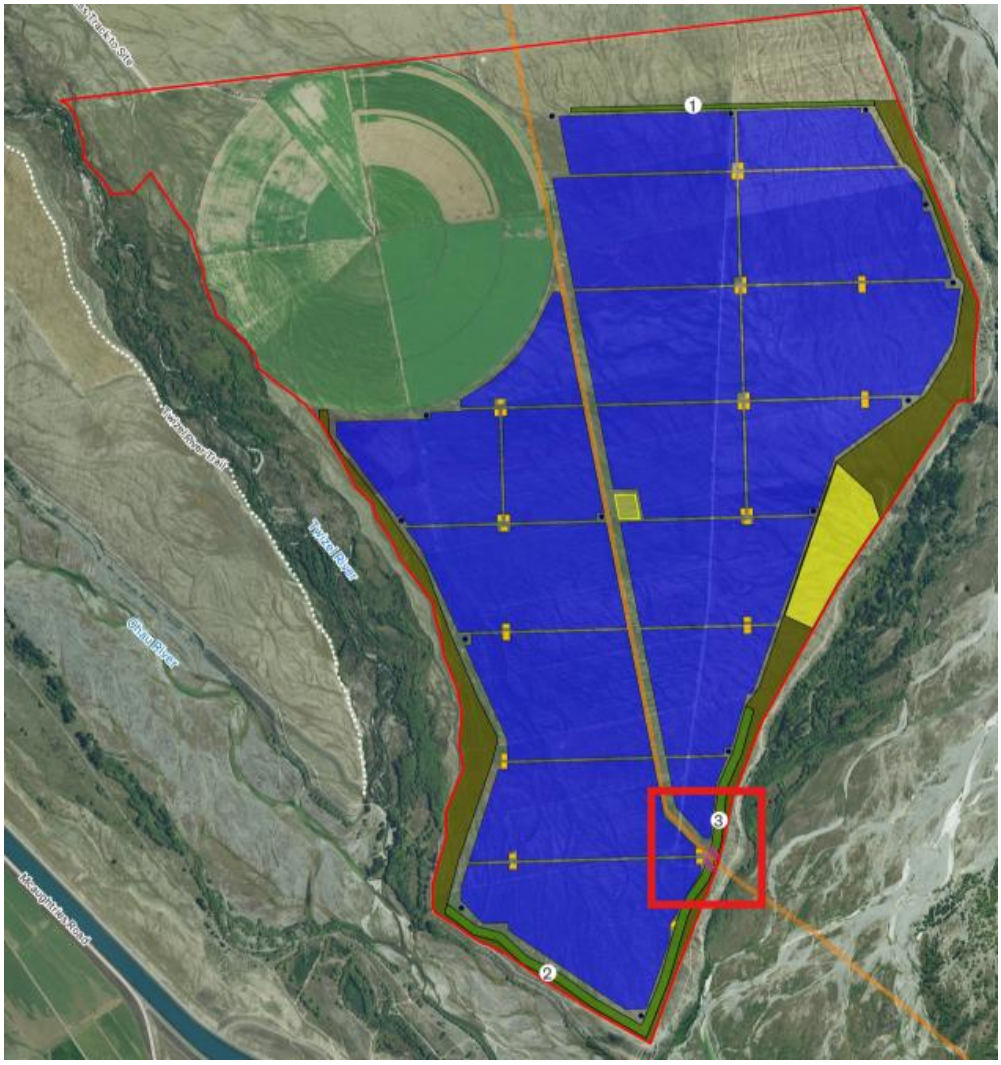

Figure 4: RMM Proposed Landscape Mitigation Plan addressing transmission tower at the boundary

And the transmission tower is partly within the Landscape Mitigation Area. A note has been included on the RMM Landscape Mitigation Plan stating that all plants will be setback 12m from the Transmission Tower attached with the statement above in section 2.8.

7. Transpower Construction Management Plan (TCMP)

National Grid transmission line work will need to be carefully managed to avoid any impacts on the National Grid and minimise risk to people and plant during the construction of the solar farm

FNSF confirms:

- A TCMP will be prepared prior to construction with the help and advice of detailed design consultants and solar farm EPC contractors.
- The TCMP will outline construction methods and controls for works near National Grid assets.
- The TCMP will be provided to Transpower for comment prior to Council certification.
- All works near National Grid assets will be undertaken in accordance with the TCMP.

8. Transpower Works Agreement (TWA)

FNSF confirms:

- A signed Transpower Works Agreement (TWA) is in place.
- The Project has entered the detailed design/delivery phase.
- Ongoing engagement with Transpower will continue through design and construction.
- Protection of the National Grid is contractually embedded within the connection process.

9. Conclusion

FNSF considers that:

- Access requirements are exceeded.
- Gate widths comply.
- Vegetation setbacks are conservative.
- NZECP34 compliance is assured.
- A TWA governs coordination with Transpower.
- A TCMP will manage construction risk.

Accordingly, Transpower's concerns are fully addressed through design, setbacks and the amended conditions will be supplied on 3rd of March 2026, following the review from the condition specialist