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Alternative to the Brynderwyn Hills Fast-track Application
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To whom it may concern

Re: Notice of application by New Zealand Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, and invitation to comment under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the New Zealand Transpower Agency (NZTA) Alternative to the Brynderwyn Hills Fast-track application. The Alternative to the Brynderwyn Hills (the Project) is listed in Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).

Transpower has previously provided comments on the application (dated 12 August 2026) which raised potential effects of the Project on the National Grid. Transpower understands processing of the application was subsequently placed on hold at the request of the Applicant but will resume on 19 October 2026.

Transpower acknowledges the continued engagement NZTA has undertaken with Transpower to understand the effects of the Project on its Henderson – Marsden A (HEN-MDN-A) 220 kV transmission line since lodging these comments.

Transpower has recently signed a Project Agreement with NZTA specific to the Alternative to the Brynderwyn Hills Project. Transpower is satisfied that the terms of this Project Agreement provide sufficient protections for the National Grid assets and is consistent with the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks 2008.

Therefore, Transpower respectfully requests that its previous comments (dated 12 August 2026) are superseded by this letter.

Comments on conditions

Transpower notes that the Applicant proposed a suite of conditions (D15-18, RC16-18 and RC29-31) which intend to address how potential vibration, dust and settlement effects will be mitigated, including that these do not compromise the effective operation and maintenance of the HEN-MDN-A line.

Given a Project Agreement has been reached since the application was lodged, Transpower does not consider it necessary to also have conditions specific to the National Grid imposed on the designation or resource consent as proposed by the Applicant.

Transpower seeks the following amendments to the proposed conditions (deletions in ~~strikethrough~~):

Proposed designation condition

D17 A Schedule shall be prepared if a vibration inducing construction activity during Project Works is proposed to occur within:
~~(a) 50 m of National Grid Transmission Assets; or~~
(b) 20 m of the Gas Pipeline (where operational).

Proposed resource consent conditions

RC17 The DMP shall include:
(a) A description of the main potential sources of dust emissions from the Project Works and the proximity of Highly Sensitive Receptors to these sources;
(b) Measures to minimise dust emissions from Project Works, including any specific measures to manage dust-generating works in proximity to Highly Sensitive Receptors;
(c) Contingency methods for responding to any identified objectionable or offensive dust effects beyond the Site; and
~~(d) Measures to manage dust adverse effects on National Grid Transmission Assets.~~

~~RC18 Transpower shall be consulted during preparation of the DMP regarding [RC17(d)]. The DMP shall include a summary of consultation undertaken with Transpower, and outline how feedback has been incorporated into the DMP, and if not, the reasons for that.~~

RC29 The design and construction of the Project shall ensure settlement effects on ~~National Grid Transmission Assets and~~ the Gas Pipeline (where operational) are:
(a) No more than 50mm total settlement; and
(b) Within 1/200 and 1/300 differential settlement.

While a Project Agreement has been reached for this project, there will be instances where this is not suitable and conditions on Notice of Requirements will remain Transpower's preferred method to ensure that effects on the National Grid are appropriately managed.

Accordingly, we make no further comment on the Project.

Yours faithfully



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