

## Comments to the Electricity Commission on the Transpower Grid Investment Proposal.

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In response to the muddle created by Transpower withdrawing their original proposal to build a 400kV line Whakamaru – Auckland – and now likely to be replaced with a proposal to build 70 towers operating at 200kV but capable of operating at 400kV, We would initially like to express our annoyance with this whole process.

It is extremely difficult for landowners and members of the public to be making submissions to a proposal by a certain date, to then be advised that the submissions are no longer required – but "comments" are welcome.

Our comments –

- \* Whilst the EC draft decision on the 400kV WKM /OTA line proposal is based solely on cost i.e. the cheapest cost for Transpower – it does not take into account the huge cost incurred by landowners.
- \* Suggestions that environmental and health effects may not be given proper scrutiny if the Government side steps the environment court concern us.
- \* The EC in its draft decision on the 400kV line identified other less costly and equally efficient options. We would prefer to see the 200kV lines upgraded or the HDVC line built.  
These are less intrusive and would not impact so drastically on the environment and the health of our children.
- \* We wish to record our opposition to the establishment of a "corridor" because of the inadequate detail. It is of no benefit to landowners to have a "corridor" – those who benefit would be Transpower and District Councils.
- \* **We would expect that when Transpower present their new proposal – i.e. "another one – just like the other one " – a new consultation will begin.**

**"Congratulations to Transpower – who have been very successful in their deliberate attempts to obfuscate all landowners!"**