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Submission re Trans powers proposed 400 kv investment proposal draft decision.

We would firstly like to thank the electricity commission, and in particular Mr Roy Hemmingway, for the way they have handled the situation. Well run meetings have provided clear and understandable information with people being listened to and treated in a courteous manner.

We believe that, given the restrictions that the electricity commission are forced to operate under that they have made the best decision possible: i.e. to allow time for better solutions to Auckland's power needs to be found. There is at least the possibility of avoiding these undesirable power pylons.

Technology moves fast and we remain convinced that there are, and will be better alternatives.

Do we think that the electricity commission should allow the planning and purchasing for a future line? Our answer would be no.

I realise that this will not provide any certainty for land owners, which is a negative effect.

Because we are not so severely effected (underground lines) perhaps it is easier for us to say no but we believe that if the Electricity commission gives the ok to secure a corridor for the future; and even more if they provide money for such purchase; transpower will accept it as a confirmation of their proposal and continue with their plans. They appear to be doing this even without the electricity commissions approval

Transpower have demonstrated that they are arrogant and listen to no one.

We believe they are capable of manipulating the press, and perhaps politicians, and by this will create a fear which will demand the urgent security of a power supply to Auckland. This will put Transpower in the situation of providing a solution, which of course is their original power line proposal.

At sometime we must say no or yes on a basis which is not just personal but is best for the whole and this must include future generations. We are against the 400 kv project for a variety of reasons and would like to ask the electricity commission to say no to any aspect that encourages this project, present or future.

Yours faithfully

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