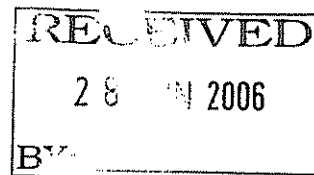


Electricity Commission
re Transpowers 400 KV line.



I fully support your Commissions proposal to defer construction of the 400 KV line by using the various proposals for making the best use of the existing transmission lines. Transpowers new idea of a lower voltage line is mere window dressing!

The A&B lines should be upgraded and REWIRED as soon as possible. This will give a large increase in the current carrying capacity. The towers on these two lines are strongly built and in good order and can carry any conductors that can be strung on them.

In the longer term generating power in Northland from the several proposals is an urgent requirement.

Other possibilities are;

HOT ROCK drilling seems a very promising method. It is a natural, non polluting system. The knowledge and equipment are available now.
SOLAR ENERGY - various types of solar panels are available now.
TIDAL CURRENTS - a regular, reliable, inexhaustable source of power if methods of harnessing them can be developed.

One must comment on the lack of any overall planning for the electricity system and that nobody has any responsibility for seeing sufficient electricity generated!

Only the Government can do any thing about this but they seem to be sitting on their hands doing nothing.

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