

**In the Environment Court
At Wellington**

**I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ki te Whanganui-a-tara**

ENV-2024-WLG-

Between **Transpower New Zealand Limited**
Appellant

And **Greater Wellington Regional Council**
Respondent

**Notice of intention by Wellington City
Council to be party to proceeding**

9 December 2024



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To the Registrar
Environment Court
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- 1 The Wellington City Council (**WCC**) wishes to be a party to Transpower New Zealand Limited's (**Transpower**) appeal against parts of proposed change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement (**PC1 RPS**).
- 2 WCC is a territorial authority affected by PC1 RPS. WCC has various functions under the RMA, including the responsibility for establishing, implementing and reviewing its District Plan. The relief sought by Transpower has a direct consequence on WCC's functions under the RMA and as a local authority. As such WCC is interested in all of the proceeding.
- 3 WCC is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the RMA.
- 4 WCC has appealed Decisions on PC1 RPS. The reasons for WCC's appeal are that it has concerns about the timing and balancing of national direction, undue confusion between the relative responsibilities of WCC and the Greater Wellington Regional Council, and the practicability and workability of the RPS for territorial authorities.
- 5 WCC supports the relief sought by Transpower that is consistent with its own appeal against parts of PC1 RPS, and opposes any relief that is inconsistent with that appeal.
- 6 Additionally, WCC has recently undertaken hearings on its proposed district plan in respect of provisions managing indigenous biodiversity. The NPS-IB and proposed RPS-PC1 were considered in that process. Council decisions will be made in mid-2025 on proposed district plan indigenous biodiversity provisions. The direction of these documents will be relevant to the Council's decision. As such WCC is interested in proceedings on all those provisions that interpret, refine and implement the NPS-IB.

- 7 More particularly:
- (a) WCC supports Transpower's relief sought in respect of Policies 7 and 39 because it agrees that the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission recognises the benefits of all electricity transmission, irrespective of how it was generated.
 - (b) WCC opposes the relief sought in respect of Policy UD.5 and Objective 22 because it unduly narrows the enabling intent of Policy 1 of the NPS-UD and because it is unreasonable to constrain urban development based on unknown and uncertain potential for regionally significant infrastructure to be upgraded.
- 8 WCC agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceeding.

Date: 9 December 2024



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