

In the Environment Court
At Christchurch

ENV-2024-CHC-40

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ki Ōtautahi

Under the	Resource Management Act 1991 (Act)
In the matter	of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act
Between	Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited Appellant
And	Otago Regional Council Respondent

**NOTICE OF TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LIMITED'S WISH TO BE PARTY TO
PROCEEDINGS**

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**To: The Registrar
Environment Court
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- 1.** Transpower New Zealand Limited (**Transpower**) gives notice that it wishes to be a party to the appeal by Queenstown Airport Corporation Limited (**QACL**) against a decision of the Otago Regional Council on the proposed Regional Policy Statement (**pORPS**).
- 2.** Transpower is a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings (submissions 00314 and FS00314). Transpower either made a submission on the relevant provisions appealed, or the appeal points concern the same subject matter and issues that are prevalent throughout its submissions.
- 3.** Transpower is also a person who has an interest in the proceedings that is greater than the interest that the general public has for the reasons set out in its Appeal ENV-2024-CHC-35 at paragraphs 5 to 10.
- 4.** Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 5.** Transpower's reasons for its position on the appeal is that parts of the proceedings may or will affect its ability to operate, maintain, develop and upgrade the National Grid, and may or will not give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission (**NPSET**). Transpower's reasons for its position also include that the relief sought in the proceedings may or will conflict with the relief included in its Appeal.
- 6.** The parts of the proceedings that Transpower' seeks to join, and its position on those appeals is set out in **Appendix A**.

7. Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

DATED this 7th day of June 2024



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Appendix A: Parts of the proceeding that Transpower is interested in

Provision appealed	Relief sought by QACL	Position on relief
New Objective EIT-INF-OX	<p>INSERT the following new EIT-INF objectives:</p> <p><i><u>“EIT-INF-OX: The adverse effects arising from the development or operation of regionally significant infrastructure and nationally significant infrastructure are avoided, remedied or mitigated to the extent practicable, given their operational and location constraints.”</u></i></p> <p><i><u>“EIT-INF-OXX: Regionally and nationally significant infrastructure is protected from incompatible subdivision, use and development and reverse sensitivity effects”.</u></i></p> <p>OR insert as new limbs in EIT-INF-O4.</p>	Support, conditional on the objectives giving effect to the NPSET insofar as they apply to the National Grid.
EIT-INF-O5 – Integration	<p>Delete EIT-INF-O5 –Integration=</p> <p><i>Development of infrastructure, as well as land use change, occurs in a co-ordinated manner to minimise adverse effects on the environment and increase efficiency in the delivery, operation and use of the infrastructure.</i></p>	Support, as this will result in the same outcome sought in Transpower’s Appeal, which is that the Objective be amended so that it does not apply to the National Grid.
EIT-INF-P15 – Protecting nationally significant infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure	<p>Delete EIT-INF-P15 and Replace it with the following:</p> <p><i>“EIT-INF-P15 – Protecting nationally significant infrastructure or and regionally significant infrastructure</i></p> <p><i><u>Protect the efficient and effective operation of nationally significant infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure by:</u></i></p> <p><i><u>(1) avoiding activities that may give rise to an adverse effect on the functional needs or operational needs of nationally significant infrastructure or regionally significant infrastructure,</u></i></p>	Support, conditional on relief giving effect to the NPSET.

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	<p>(2) <u>avoiding activities that may result in reverse sensitivity effects on nationally significant infrastructure or regionally significant; and</u></p> <p>(3) <u>avoiding activities and development that foreclose an opportunity to adapt, upgrade or develop nationally significant infrastructure or regionally significant infrastructure to meet future demand.”</u></p>	
<p>UFD-O1 Development of urban areas</p>	<p>Amend UFD-O1 as follows:</p> <p><i>“UFD-01 Development of urban areas The development and change of Otago’s urban areas occurs in a strategic and coordinated way, which:</i></p> <p>(1) <i>accommodates the diverse and changing needs and preferences of Otago’s people and communities, now and in the future,</i></p> <p>(2) <i>integrates effectively with surrounding urban areas and rural areas,</i></p> <p>(2A) <i>results in a consolidated, well-connected and well designed urban form which is integrated with infrastructure, and</i></p> <p>(2B) <i>supports climate change adaptation and climate change mitigation-;</i></p> <p>(3) <u><i>minimises conflict between incompatible activities; and</i></u></p> <p>(4) <u><i>facilitates the safe and efficient ongoing use maintenance, upgrade and development of significant infrastructure and regionally significant infrastructure.”</i></u></p>	<p>Support, conditional on relief giving effect to the NPSET.</p>

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UFD-P3 Urban Intensification	<p>Amend UFD-P3 as follows:</p> <p><i>“UF-P3 Urban Intensification</i></p> <p><i>Manage intensification in urban areas, so that as a minimum,</i></p> <p><i>(1) contributes to establishing or maintaining the qualities of a well-functioning urban environment,</i></p> <p><i>(2) is well-served by existing or planned development infrastructure and additional infrastructure,</i></p> <p><i>(2A) <u>does not compromise the safe and efficient ongoing use of nationally significant infrastructure or regionally significant infrastructure;</u></i></p> <p><i>(3) enables heights and densities that meets the greater of demonstrated demand for housing and/or business use or the level of accessibility provided for by existing or planned active transport or public transport,</i></p> <p><i>(5) addresses issues of concern to iwi and hapū, including those identified in any relevant iwi planning documents.”</i></p>	Support, conditional on relief giving effect to the NPSET