

In the Environment Court
At Christchurch

ENV-2026-CHC-039

I te Kōti Taiao o Aotearoa
Ki Ōtautahi

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of an appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of the Act

Between **BRUCE SPEIRS**
Appellant

And **TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Respondent

**NOTICE OF WISH TO BE PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF
TRANSPOWER NEW ZEALAND LIMITED**

Dated: 27 May 2026



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To: The Registrar
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1. Transpower New Zealand Limited (**Transpower**) gives notice that it wishes to become party to the appeal by Bruce Speirs (**Appellant**) against the decisions of the Timaru District Council (**Council**) on the Timaru Proposed District Plan (**PDP**).
2. Transpower is a person who made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings (submissions #159 and further submission #159.1FS – 159.89FS). Transpower made a further submission on the relevant provisions appealed by the Appellant.
3. Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**RMA**).
4. Transpower is interested in the Appellant's appeal points on the definitions of 'National Grid Subdivision Corridor' and 'National Grid Yard' as set out in **Appendix 1** to this notice. The relief sought is opposed.
5. Generally, Transpower's reasons for its position on Mr Speirs' appeal are that the relief sought in relation to the definitions of 'National Grid Subdivision Corridor' and 'National Grid Yard' would not provide sufficient certainty or effectiveness in giving effect to the National Policy Statement for Electricity Networks 2008, amended 2025 (**NPS-EN**) as required by section 75(3)(a) of the RMA. More reasons for Transpower's position are set out in **Appendix 1**.

6. Transpower agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution for this proceeding.

DATED this 27th day of May 2026



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Appendix 1: Appeal points to join

Provision appealed	Relief sought	Position on relief and reason
<p>Definition of 'National Grid Subdivision Corridor'</p>	<p>Amend the definition of 'National Grid Subdivision Corridor' to read: <u>As set out in the New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safe Distances (NZECP 34:2001) and the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003.</u></p>	<p>Oppose.</p> <p>Transpower's original submission supported the definition of 'National Grid Subdivision corridor' as notified but sought that Diagram 1 be replaced with an updated diagram.</p> <p>Transpower supports the definition in the decisions version.</p> <p>There is no definition of National Grid Subdivision Corridor in New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safe Distances (NZECP 34:2001) nor in the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003.</p> <p>The relief therefore creates uncertainty in respect of the rules that rely on this definition. Transpower also does not consider that NZECP 34:2001 is able to give effect to all of the protective elements of Policies 11 and 12 of the NPS-EN.</p> <p>The decisions version is either the same or similar to the definitions that have been included in district plans and tested through submissions in neighbouring jurisdictions.</p>
<p>Definition of 'National Grid Yard'</p>	<p>Amend the definition of 'National Grid Yard' to read: <u>As set out in the New Zealand Electrical Code of Practice for Electrical Safe Distances (NZECP 34:2001) and the Electricity (Hazards from Trees) Regulations 2003.</u></p>	<p>Oppose for the same reasons as set out above. Transpower supports the decisions version of the definition.</p>