
**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT WELLINGTON**

**I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA ROHE**

ENV-2024 -WLG-00035

IN THE MATTER OF	of the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)
AND IN THE MATTER OF	an appeal under clause 14(1) of the First Schedule to the Act
BETWEEN	TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LIMITED
	Appellant
AND	MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI REGIONAL COUNCIL
	Respondent

**NOTICE OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE'S WISH TO BE A PARTY TO AN APPEAL BY
TRANSPower NEW ZEALAND LIMITED**

13 September 2024

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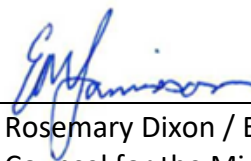
INTRODUCTION

1. The **MINISTER OF DEFENCE** (the **Minister**) gives notice under section 274 of the Act that she wishes to be a party to Transpower New Zealand Limited's appeal on the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council's decisions on Proposed Plan Change 3 (Urban Development) to the Regional Policy Statement component of the Manawatū-Whanganui One Plan (**Proposed PC3**)
2. The Minister made a submission on Proposed PC3 about the subject matter of the appeal.
3. The Minister is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308D of the Act.
4. The Minister has an in interest in part of the proceedings.
5. The Minister has an in interest in all of the proceedings being:
 - 5.1 Objective UFD-O3; and
 - 5.2 Policy UFD-P4.
 - 5.3 The Minister supports in part the proposed relief relating to UFD-O3 (1.)(f) that seeks to ensure that well-functioning urban environments manage effects on nationally and regionally significant infrastructure to ensure the infrastructure is not compromised. NZDF require that their facilities are not compromised by the effects arising from urban development and the Minister therefore sought that such effects be avoided.
 - 5.4 The Minister supports the proposed relief relating to UFD-P4 (1.)(f) that seeks to remove the qualification "to the extent reasonably possible" from protection of the operation, maintenance and upgrade of nationally significant infrastructure.

(The Minister also sought that RPS-EIT-P1 be cross referred in the policy being infrastructure and physical resources of regional or national importance.)¹

- 5.5 The Minister supports the proposed relief relating to UFD-P4 (2.)(e.) that seeks to remove the qualification “to the extent reasonably possible” from protection of the operation, maintenance and upgrade of nationally significant infrastructure. (The Minister also sought that RPS-EIT-P1 be cross referred in the policy being infrastructure and physical resources of regional or national importance.)
6. The Minister agrees to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

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¹ RPS-EIT-Energy, infrastructure and transport” in *The One Plan: The Consolidated Regional Policy Statement, Regional Plan and Regional Coastal Plan of the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council* (2024) at 2-109. EIT-P1 provides that 1. The Regional Council and Territorial Authorities must recognise the following infrastructure as being physical resources of regional or national importance: ... (f.) the RNZAF airport at Ohakea and 2. The Regional Council and Territorial Authorities must recognise the following facilities and assets as being physical resources of regional or national importance: ... (c.) New Zealand Defence Force facilities.