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Dear Lisa,

**HEARING STATEMENT – PROPOSED THAMES-COROMANDEL DISTRICT PLAN  
– SECTION 14 & 37 (MINING) AND SECTION 43 (CONSERVATION ZONE)**

I write regarding the Proposed Thames-Coromandel District Plan (PDP) and the public hearing on Section 14 and 37 (Mining), and Section 43 (Conservation Zone), to be held on 17-18 December 2014.

No submission points were made on these Sections in Transpower's original submission. In its further submission, Transpower was supportive of the following submission point (1241.23) made by Powerco on Section 43:

*Decision Requested: Supports earthworks rules in all zone rules without modification except for Rule 6 in Section 43 and Rule 3 in Section 55.*

**Specifically:** Amend Rule 6 in Section 43 to provide for earthworks associated with the installation and maintenance and minor upgrading of existing utilities as a permitted activity, as follows:

*Rule 6 Earthworks*

*1. Earthworks are a permitted activity provided:*

*X) they are for utility installation, maintenance, upgrading and/or removal by the Council or a network utility operator; or*

*a) Silt and sediment resulting from the earthworks remains within the Conservation Zone; and*

*b) The distance of any cut or fill from the Conservation Zone boundary is greater than the height of the cut/fill; and*


*c) It is set back from any buried Council-owned wastewater, stormwater or water pipe by a distance equal to the depth of the pipe plus the pipe radius (i.e a 45° setback area either side of the pipe).*

Since making its submission Transpower has further reviewed the PDP planning maps and notes that no National Grid infrastructure is located in the Conservation Zone. Therefore Transpower has no direct interest in the outcome of the hearing on this submission point.

Given Transpower has no direct interest in Section 43 we will not be attending the hearing. However, we ask that this letter is tabled at the hearing.

Should you require clarification of any matter, please contact me (04 590 7434) or Joanne Mooar, Regulatory Environment Team Leader, (04 590 6060) or alternatively we can both be contacted on [environment.policy@transpower.co.nz](mailto:environment.policy@transpower.co.nz).

Yours faithfully



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