

**In the Environment Court of New Zealand
Christchurch Registry**

**I Te Kooti Taiao O Aotearoa
Ōtautahi Rohe**

ENV-2018-CHC-056

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (the Act)

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

Between **Upper Clutha Environmental Society Incorporated**
Appellant

And **Queenstown Lakes District Council**
Respondent

**Notice of Transpower New Zealand Limited's wish to be party to
proceedings**

Dated 10 July 2018

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To the Registrar
Environment Court
Christchurch

- 1 Transpower New Zealand Limited (**'Transpower'**) wishes to be a party to an appeal by Upper Clutha Environmental Society Incorporated (**'Upper Clutha'**) against the decisions of the Queenstown Lakes District Council (**'Council'**) on Stage 1 of the Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan (**'Proposed Plan'**) (Court reference ENV-2018-CHC-056).
- 2 Transpower:
 - a made a submission about the subject matter of the proceedings.
- 3 Transpower is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4 Transpower is interested in part of the proceedings, being those aspects of the appeal that are set out below at paragraph 5 of this notice.
- 5 Transpower is interested in the following particular issues:
 - a The amendments sought to Chapter 3 of the Proposed Plan, specifically those that seek to change Strategic Objective 3.2.5 (retaining distinctive landscapes) and Policy 3.2.5.1 (protecting Outstanding Natural Features (**'ONF'**) and Outstanding Natural Landscapes (**'ONL'**) from subdivision and development); and
 - b The amendments sought to Chapter 6 of the Proposed Plan, specifically those that seek to change Policies 6.3.10¹ (protecting the landscape quality and values of ONFs from subdivision and development in ONLs) and 6.3.12² (restricting subdivision and development in ONLs and ONFs to 'exceptional cases'), and insert new policy 6.3.17 (allowing for certain subdivision and development in ONLs and ONFs to occur).
- 6 Transpower opposes all of the amendments specified above insofar as they would further restrict the operation, maintenance, upgrading or development of the National Grid. As set out in its notice of appeal, Transpower considers that when applied to the National Grid a number of these provisions already fail to

¹ Policy 6.3.3.2 in the notified version of the Proposed Plan.

² Policy 6.3.1.3 in the notified version of the Proposed Plan.

give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission, and seeks amendments to the provisions on that basis.³

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

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³ As directed by the Environment Court Transpower will lodge further particulars of the relief it seeks (including drafting) by 27 July 2018.