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Hearing Panel
Hutt City Proposed District Plan
Hutt City Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

**For the Attention of the Hutt City Proposed District Plan Hearing Panel
- Hearing 1 – Opening**

Transpower New Zealand Limited (“Transpower”) writes in relation to the Hutt City Proposed District Plan (“PDP”) and Hearing Stream 1 – Opening Hearing, commencing on 29 April 2026. Within context of the specific topics¹ covered by Hearing 1, Transpower has submitted on the ‘How the Plan Works’ and ‘General Definitions Chapters’ sections of the PDP.

Given the confined nature of Transpower’s interest to the hearing topic and the favourable nature of the officer recommendations, Transpower does not intend to appear before the panel and provide hearing evidence at this hearing. Rather it respectfully requests that this letter be tabled for the Panel’s consideration, to confirm its position in relation to its submission points and the s 42A Report recommendations.

Transpower confirms it will prepare evidence and attend at the subsequent hearing tranches where its more substantive submission points will be considered.

The following provides an overview of the (three) submission points of relevance to this hearing, and response to the s 42A Report recommendations.

Submission Points and Response to s 42A Report Recommendations

- **504.17 and 504.18** – Transpower supports the Identifying provisions within the

¹ Topics covered by Hearing 1 are:

- Introduction to the PDP and hearing process
- Issues about partial withdrawal and exemption Issues around integration with the Operative Plan
- How the Plan Works
- General definitions
- Strategic Directions – Tangata Whenua
- Strategic Directions – Natural Environment
- General briefing on other strategic directions

activity section of the General approach chapter, and the clarification provided as to the relationship between overlays and chapters. The s 42A Report accepts the submission points in part, noting the removal of some overlays and need to reflect the current planning framework, including the relevance of the operative District Plan overlays. Transpower accepts the recommendation, noting the implications of the exemption application and the need to update specific provisions through the respective hearing topics.

- **504.11** – Transpower supports the definition of ‘sensitive activities’ as notified, and the s 42A Report recommendation to retain the definition.

Should the Hearing Panel require clarification on any matter, please contact Daniel Hamilton at Transpower (03 590 6926), or on the following email: environment.policy@transpower.co.nz.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Hamilton', written in a cursive style.

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