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Proposed Hutt City District Plan Hearings Panel
Hutt City Council
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Lower Hutt 5040

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Powerco Statement - Hearing Stream 7 – Other Topics

Powerco Limited (Powerco) will not be attending Hearing Stream 7 – Other Topics.

Powerco made very limited submissions on the matters covered in this hearing steam. Comments on the three submission points made by Powerco are outlined below in response to the recommendations of the s42A authors.

TREE-R3

Powerco sought changes to this rule (Powerco submission point 414.51), to permit underground pipelines provided suitable excavation techniques and arborist oversight being implemented. At paragraph 62 of the s42A Officer's report, the Hutt City Council's current practice around excavation activities within the root protection area or dripline of trees is outlined. These requirements appear to be in addition to any requirements under the District Plan. If the requirements outlined at paragraph 62 already need to be met for works around notable and street trees (which include pre-approvals), I question why the relief sought by Powerco cannot be granted. There does not appear to be any substantive reason given as to why a pipeline installed within the root protection area and driplines of notable trees requires a resource consent. Powerco still seeks the relief outlined in its original submission (submission point 414.51).

SUB-P9

Powerco supports the recommendation of Mr Wesley at paragraph 150 of his report to retain SUB-P9 as notified (Powerco submission point 414.53).

SUB-R5

Powerco supported SUB-R5 as notified (Powerco submission point 414.54), as it provided a consenting pathway for an allotment to be created for infrastructure. At paragraph 213 of his report, Mr Wesley outlines a submission point made by the Policy Planning Team of Hutt City Council to alter the rule title. While I appreciate the intent of the submission point, I disagree that such a change is necessary. The reason for this disagreement is that sometimes subdivision can occur after infrastructure has already been constructed and is operational. In



such circumstances, the subdivision would not be creating a vacant allotment and could not be considered under this rule. If the submission point of the Policy Planning Team of Hutt City Council is accepted by the hearings panel, perhaps a consequential change needs to be made to SUB-R3 to include reference to subdivision around existing infrastructure. Powerco's preference is for SUB-R5 to be retained as notified.

It would be appreciated if this letter could be tabled with the Hearings Panel.

Let me know if you have any queries.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Scholfield", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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