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Submitted via email: grid.investments@transpower.co.nz

To whom it may concern,

Electricity Networks Aotearoa (ENA) appreciates the opportunity to submit on Transpower's HVDC Link Upgrade Programme: Major Capex Proposal short-list consultation.

ENA represents the 29 electricity distribution businesses (EDBs) in New Zealand (see Appendix A – ENA Members) which provide local and regional electricity networks. EDBs employ 7,800 people, deliver energy to more than two million homes and business and have spent or invested over \$6 billion in the last five years.

ENA has not engaged with the questions posed in the consultation material and instead has only the following short position to convey:

ENA supports Transpower's preferred option (option 3) for replacement and upgrade of the HVDC cables.

ENA has no other information or considerations to share with Transpower.

ENA is happy to discuss our submission further with Transpower if that would be helpful. Please contact Richard Le Gros, Policy and Innovation Manager, in the first instance – richard@electricity.org.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Le Gros', written over a light green curved background element.

Richard Le Gros
Policy and Innovation Manager

Appendix A: ENA Members

Electricity Networks Aotearoa makes this submission along with the support of its members, listed below.

- Alpine Energy
- Aurora Energy
- Buller Electricity
- Centralines
- Counties Energy
- Electra
- EA Networks
- Firstlight Network
- Horizon Energy Distribution
- MainPower NZ
- Marlborough Lines
- Nelson Electricity
- Network Tasman
- Network Waitaki
- Northpower
- Orion New Zealand
- Powerco
- PowerNet (which manages The Power Company, Electricity Invercargill, OtagoNet and Lakeland Network)
- Scanpower
- The Lines Company
- Top Energy
- Unison Networks
- Vector
- Waipa Networks
- WEL Networks
- Wellington Electricity Lines
- Westpower