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To the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel

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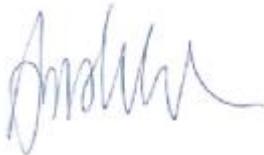
Transpower New Zealand Limited, Proposed Queenstown Lakes District Plan – Hearing Stream 7: Designations

Beca Ltd (Beca) is engaged by Transpower New Zealand Limited (Transpower) to provide expert planning advice and evidence, as required, in relation to Transpower's submission and further submissions made on the Queenstown Lakes District Plan. Having reviewed the S42A Hearings Reports as they relate to Transpower's Frankton Substation 'National Grid' designation (supported also by Transpower's submission),¹ we can confirm that the revised Chapter correctly reflects Transpower's 30 September 2014 'roll-over' notice and Transpower does not consider it necessary to prepare evidence, or appear at the Stream 7 Hearing.

Further, we have also noted that Queenstown Lakes District Council (Council) have made a submission in relation to the Council's recreation reserve Designation 282.² The relief sought by the Council is to remove reference to Condition H of Designation 282, which provides for the protection of the National Grid, if it is no longer relevant (or, if it is, to ensure that references are accurate). The Section 42A Report recommends that Council's submission be accepted but that the revised Chapter retains Condition H.

In this regard, Transpower wishes to clarify that the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities) Regulations 2009 (NESETA) provide for the upgrading of existing National Grid transmission lines and do not protect the National Grid from activities undertaken by other parties, as is achieved by Condition H. Therefore Condition H remains relevant. We have discussed this matter with Ms Holden (for the Council) and wish to acknowledge her confirmation that she recommends that Condition H to Designation 282 should be retained.

Yours sincerely



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¹ Designation No. 1.

² Submission number 383.