

WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMO

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MEMO TO: Hearing Commissioners
FROM: Andrew Maclennan, s42A reporting officer on EI Chapter
SUBJECT: National Grid Subdivision Corridor definition

Introduction

1. The purpose of this memo is to provide to provide the panel with clarification on a recommendation in relation to the use of “National Grid Subdivision Corridor” within Hearing Stream 5. This memo was generated in response to a preliminary question to Mr Wilson from the panel as part of Hearing Stream 7A, which asked:

“It would be helpful for the Panel if Mr Maclennan can send a memorandum to the Panel to confirm this, so it can be placed on the record for the Panel’s deliberations on the E&I Chapter submissions.”

2. This memo:
 - a. Outlines how the background to the recommendation to delete the definition of “National Grid Subdivision Corridor” within the Energy and Infrastructure reply report; and
 - b. Sets out an updated recommendation on the definition of “National Grid Subdivision Corridor”.

Background

3. No definition of “National grid subdivision corridor” was included within the Proposed Waimakariri District Plan (the Plan) as notified.
4. Within Section 11.10 of my s42A Report¹ on the Energy and Infrastructure (EI Chapter), I addressed the Transpower [195.18] seeking a new definition of “National grid subdivision corridor”. Within paragraphs 602 and 603, I recommend that the submission from Transpower [195.7] be accepted and the “National Grid Subdivision Corridor” be added to the Proposed District Plan as follows:

“NATIONAL GRID SUBDIVISION CORRIDOR means:

- *the area 32m either side of the centreline of an above ground 66kV transmission lines on towers (including tubular steel towers where these replace steel lattice towers);*
- *the area 37m either side of the centreline of an above ground 220kV transmissions line;*

¹ https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0027/139257/13.-STREAM-5-ENERGY-AND-INFRASTRUCTURE-S42A-REPORT-FINAL.pdf

- *the area 39m either side of the centreline of an above ground 350kV transmission line.”*

5. At the EI chapter hearing, the Hearing Panel asked me whether there was already a definition of “national grid subdivision corridor” in the PDP. I looked at the PDP, and there was a definition of “national grid subdivision corridor.” This advice to the Hearing Panel was incorrect. The definition was included within Variation 1, but the Variation 1 tracked changes were not shown.
6. At the EI chapter hearing, I was also asked where this definition applies in the PDP. When I did a word search of the PDP, it only applied within the “Interpretation” section, and there was no reference to this term within the PDP. Given this, within paragraph 144 of my EI chapter Council Reply Report² I recommended the definition be deleted.
7. This recommendation was an error. The “National Grid Subdivision Corridor” definition applies in the context of Variation 1: Housing Intensification. I did not have the scope to recommend deleting this definition as it was introduced within the Variation 1 process.

Updated recommendation

8. I no longer recommend that the definition of “National Grid Subdivision Corridor” be removed.
9. Given that the definition of “National Grid Subdivision Corridor” was introduced within Variation 1: Housing Intensification to the Plan, which is being considered through the Variation 1 process, I make no further recommendations on the topic.
10. For completeness, I recommend that the submission from Transpower [195.7] be rejected as the definition of “National Grid Subdivision Corridor” has been introduced within Variation 1.

² https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0026/149804/EI-FINAL-Right-of-reply-No-JWS.pdf