

## FORM 6

**FURTHER SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF, OR IN OPPOSITION TO,  
SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED PROPOSED POLICY STATEMENT  
OR PLAN, CHANGE OR VARIATION**

Clause 8 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To Taupo District Council  
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**Name** Contact Energy Limited (“Contact”)

1. These are further submissions in opposition to or in support of submissions on the Plan Changes 47, 48 and 49 of the Taupo District Plan (the “Plan Changes”).

2. Contact has an interest in the Plan Changes that is greater than the interest the general public as:

- 2.1 Contact made a number of original submissions on the Plan Changes;
- 2.2 Contact owns and operates regionally and nationally significant renewable hydro and geothermal resources within the Taupo District.
- 2.3 Contact plays a fundamental role in the social and economic wellbeing of the Taupo District and the wider Waikato region;
- 2.4 Contact is a network utility operator and a requiring authority under section 167 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 2.5 Contact is a lifeline utility under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002;
- 2.6 Given Contacts existing operations and as a submitter on the Plan Changes, Contact has an interest greater than the general public and is concerned to ensure the District Plan appropriately recognises and provides for Contact to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner, whilst ensuring that reverse sensitivity effects are avoided.

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3. Further submissions from Contact on the Plan Change, including the particular parts of the submission that Contact supports or opposes, and Contacts reasons for that support or opposition, are attached to this document in Appendix A.

4. **General Reasons for Contacts further submissions:**

- 4.1 In its original submission, Contact emphasised the importance that through the Plan Changes Contact retains the ability for the ongoing operation and future development of renewable energy generation activities.
- 4.2 That the operational and functional requirements of Contact are recognised and provided for through the Plan Changes. This includes through the appropriate control of activities which may give rise to reverse sensitivity, or adverse effects on the operation and functioning of the various generation assets and the Development Geothermal Systems;
- 4.3 Contact seeks to ensure that the key principles identified in its original submission and summarised above are appropriately recognised and provided for through the Plan Changes.

5. **Contact seeks that the submissions be allowed or disallowed as set out in Appendix A.**

6. **Contact wishes to speak to its submission and further submission. Contact could not gain an advantage in trade competition through these further submissions.**



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## Appendix A – Further Submission Table

| Submitter Name                             | Point Number       | Provision | Relief Sought by Submitter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contact Position | Reasons for support / opposition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Contact seek that the whole (or part) of the submission be Allowed / Disallowed |
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| <b>Plan Change 47 – Māori Purpose Zone</b> |                    |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                 |
| John Lenihan<br>for Rangatira E            | O55.1 to<br>OS5.18 | Various   | Seeks broad amendments or opposition to MPZ. Submission does not directly request land be included in MPZ but should be implied.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Oppose           | Any development of the Rangatira E Block should include appropriate provisions in the District Plan to address potential reverse sensitivity effects on existing and consented renewable electricity generation activities on, and in the vicinity of, Development Geothermal Systems.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Disallow                                                                        |
| <b>Change 48 - Designations</b>            |                    |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                 |
| Transpower New Zealand Ltd                 | OS2.7              | TPR07     | Seeks rollover of existing electricity transmission designations with modifications to purpose, site identifier, and mapping of Wairakei Electricity Outdoor Switchyard (TRP07). Requests updating district plan mapping to add one small land area, remove two larger areas, and remove unrelated legal description 'Lot 1 DP 73757' for accuracy. | Support in part  | Contact would support with amendments as the area identified in the 'updated' designation does not reflect a licence to occupy (LTO) between Transpower and Contact for the Wairakei switchyard. The proposed area also does not accommodate recent upgrade works, requiring extension, to the switchyard. These areas were subject to the LTO and Transpower may wish to amend designation boundary to incorporate these works/assets as well as some existing assets which have been omitted from the 'updated' designation. The designation should also be amended to exclude Contact transmission assets (as agreed previously with Transpower). See Figure 1 below. | Allow in part                                                                   |
| Transpower New Zealand Ltd                 | OS2.10             | TPR010    | Seeks rollover of existing electricity transmission designations related to the Wairakei to Whakamaru C Line (WRK-WKM C Line) Electricity Transmission Line subject to corrections to purposes, site identifiers, legal descriptions, conditions and planning map extents to accurately reflect current assets.                                     | Support in part  | Contact would support with amendments related to the area that the transmission line crosses over Contact's Wairakei Power Station site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Allow in part                                                                   |

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| Transpower New Zealand Ltd           | OS2.11       | TPR011     | Seeks rollover of existing electricity transmission designations related to the Tauhara Electricity Substation subject to corrections to purposes, site identifiers, legal descriptions, conditions and planning map extents to accurately reflect current assets.                                                                                 | Support          | Contact support with confirmation that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mapping changes are confirmed as accurate reflections of the existing designation (not an expansion);</li> <li>- The updated purpose remains clearly limited to substation-related functions;</li> <li>- No Contact Energy land is newly encumbered beyond what is already designated.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                   | Allow                                                                           |
| NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi      | OS8.1        | NZTA03     | Request to rename designation identifier to NZTA05 for numerical ordering of State Highways.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Support in part  | Contact supports this submission in part as it has an impact on access to Wairākei Power Station (Te Aro Road) and future expansion of steamfield in relation to State Highway's 1 and 5.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Allow in part                                                                   |
| NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi      | OS8.7        | NZTA01     | Request to extend and tidy planning map designations to fully cover specified parcel IDs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Support in part  | Contact supports this submission in part as it has an impact on access to Wairākei Power Station (Te Aro Road) and future expansion of steamfield.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Allow in part                                                                   |
| <b>Change 49 – Minor Corrections</b> |              |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                 |
| Taupo District Council               | OS2.4        | Section 32 | Submission seeks removal of Rule ENGY-R3.6, originally replacing Rule 4d.1.ii during District Plan conversion to National Planning Standards. The rule's provisions are duplicated in GIZ-R8, HIZ-R5, and EW-R1.8, so its removal would not leave gaps. Also requests updating Table 1 in Section 3 and related Plan Change materials accordingly. | Support          | Contact supports this submission through removal of the rule however, the rationale to do this is incorrect and is not covered by the provisions listed in the TDC original submission the justification for the initial error is confusing however there is overall agreement in removal of rule.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Allow                                                                           |
| Taupo District Council               | OS2.5        | Section 32 | Requests exclusion of earthworks associated with geothermal electricity generation at Wairakei, Poihipi, Rotokawa, Mokai, Ohaaki and Tauhara from EW-R1.9 standards, as these activities are inherent to geothermal generation and not suited to generic earthworks controls.                                                                      | Support in part  | Contact supports the insertion of the exception of earthwork provisions to be provided in Rule EW-R1.9 for the Heavy Industrial Zone (HIZ) and associated with Geothermal Electricity Generation.<br><br>It is recognised that the exception for earthworks in the areas of the GIZ associated with Geothermal Electricity Generation shown on the Planning Maps where no standards apply – being Wairakei, Poihipi, Rotokawa, Mokai, Ohaaki and Tauhara already exists and is currently provided for under EW-R1.8. | Allow in part                                                                   |

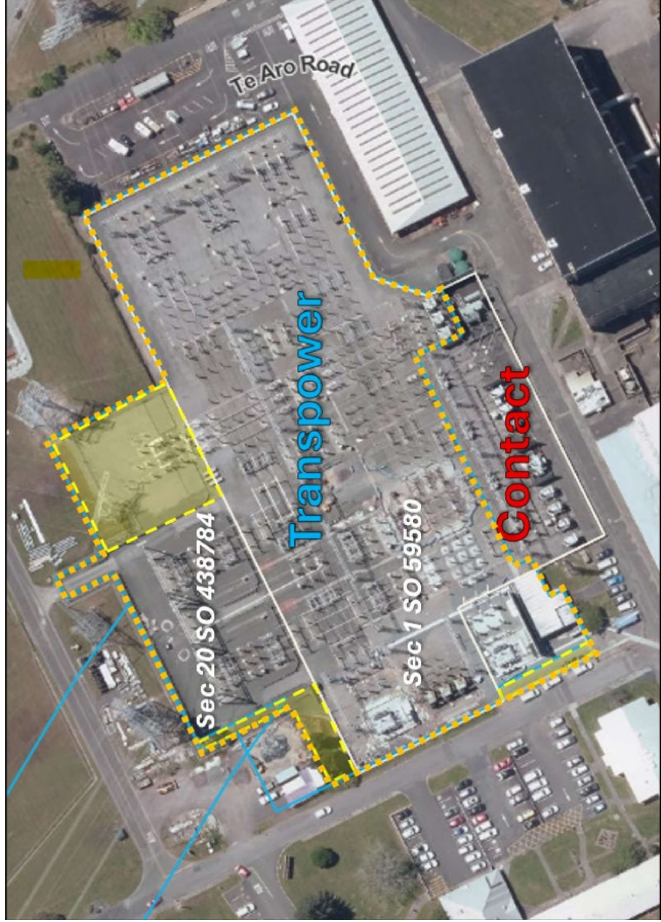


Figure 1 – Wairakei Switchyard Areas