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Tēnā koe

### **Critical Electricity Lines Overlay in the Proposed Far North District Plan**

Council notified a Proposed District Plan (PDP) in July 2022, which gave the public an opportunity to make a submission. Through this submission process, a person could make a request to change the notified PDP.

The Infrastructure and Subdivision chapters of the PDP included rules regulating some activities within specific setbacks from the Critical Electricity Lines Overlay. The new provisions were intended to protect all the district's 110kv and 33kv electricity lines from inappropriate development. The reasons for the proposed provisions were detailed in the Section 32 report released when the PDP was notified.

Unfortunately, due to a GIS mapping error, the Critical Electricity Lines Overlay included in the PDP maps that were notified in July 2022 did not include all the 33kv powerlines in the district, as was intended by Council.

A submission has been received from Top Energy that effectively requests that all the district's 33kv lines be included in the Critical Electricity Lines Overlay. A copy of that submission is available at Councils website [pdp.fndc.govt.nz](http://pdp.fndc.govt.nz) or can be viewed at the Kaikohe, Kerikeri and Kaitaia service centres.

We are writing to you because your property has been identified as being affected by the Critical Electricity Lines Overlay (as proposed to be amended by Top Energy) and associated provisions. You may view interactive maps showing the showing the proposed location of the Critical Electricity Line Overlay at Councils website [pdp.fndc.govt.nz](http://pdp.fndc.govt.nz).

You may also view the associated provisions included in the notified PDP, and supporting documents such as the Section 32 report, at Councils website [pdp.fndc.govt.nz](http://pdp.fndc.govt.nz).

The plan-making process provides an opportunity to make a further submission in support of or in opposition to a original submission, such as the Top Energy submission requesting that in addition to the 110kv line all 33kv electricity lines in the district be included in the Critical Electricity Lines Overlay.

You now have an opportunity to either support or oppose what a submitter has requested as we have notified the summary of decisions requested. By making a further submission, you can participate in the hearing process and have the right to appeal the decision made by Council.

The further submission period closes Monday 4 September 2023. You can email [pdp@fndc.govt.nz](mailto:pdp@fndc.govt.nz) or call 0800 920 029 and ask for the District Planning Team if you have any further questions.

Nā mātou noa, nā

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