

Proposed District Plan - Hearing 11 Section 42a report

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Tena koe Alicia

Thank you for your email outlining, Submitters who are not attending the hearing but wish to table lay evidence must provide that (electronically) to me **by 12 noon on Monday 21 April**.

Further Submission Points

1. S483.188 Protect all lines – Top Energy is concerned over the protection of all its lines commercial or other and therefore are placing requests for all and sundry to comply with them to achieve their goals. More importantly the bigger picture for us in the original placement of all Electrical Lines Feeding from the Substation in Okahu Road through to Pukepoto Road, have ALL been placed on our boundary which was completely conducted without notification or permission and consent. We are not the only property where the lines could have run and this is total discrimination against what we are trying to achieve on our land and the principles as Maori that we live by. This decision not only interferes with our land and any lifestyle that we propose but it is an eyesore as well. Top Energy wishes to protect its lines and We wish to protect our land. We do not agree with this. Please respond to this.
2. S421.042 10m boundary all buildings – This is a standard council ruling and exemptions can be sought. No Comment.
3. S421.043 Tree height distancing – Top Energy does not conduct a safe tree lopping service. It would be better if they requested owners clear their own trees instead of pretending they provide a service that is free but kills trees! Disgusting. They mutilated out Pohutukawa and Rimu trees and we got an arborist in to fix the mess.
4. S483.166 Protect electricity subdivision proposed. If Top Energy was to upgrade its service and practise, perhaps people might believe they deliver quality service which they don't do. In addition, their poles are falling over outside our property and we will be improving that within the next 5 years, with their old outdated poles falling over outside.

Request for evidence of permission to lay power lines:

Kaitaia Marae Incorporated appreciate the opportunity to provide our hearing response. As requested, we reiterate our objection to the power line installation on our property boundaries. We request that the power company provide the following evidence:

1. We request that the relevant power company or companies immediately provide written evidence of prior permission by KMIS, to install their assets on KMI Society boundaries.
2. Should the relevant power company/companies be unable to provide written evidence of prior consent by KMI Society to the installation of their assets on KMIS' boundaries, then said assets be immediately removed from KMIS boundaries.
3. Professional maps or plans such as would be expected on such a huge project, showing the power line route and adjacent land ownership, **consented to in writing by KMIS**, with the Society Seal of Incorporation attached.
4. Permits or approvals from relevant authorities (eg FNDC, Top Energy).
5. We also request that the hearing panel consider the following:
 - (a) Our strong objection to the siting of power supply assets in close proximity to our proposed Marae, where our whānau will live, work and play.
 - (b) Kaumatua Flats - KMIS has plans to erect Kaumatua Flats close to the installations.
 - (c) The electromagnetic fields emitted by the power lines can have harmful health effects, and we cannot compromise on the well-being of our whānau.
 - (d) The power line installation disregards the cultural significance of our marae. Our ancestral land and waterways are sacred and the presence of power lines desecrates these taonga.
 - (e) We have a deep connection to our whenua, and the installation of power lines without consent is a breach of our rights and interests.
 - (f) We also request that the hearing panel consider our cultural and safety concerns and rule in favour of our marae.
 - (g) We urge you to uphold the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi and recognise our rights as tangata whenua.
 - h) We will not compromise on the safety and well-being of our whānau and the cultural integrity of our marae.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the installation of power lines on Kaitaia Marae Incorporated boundaries is a clear breach of our rights as Maori landowners and kaitiaki. The encroachment on whenua set aside for kaumatua jeopardises the success of a critical project. Therefore, we respectfully request the following actions be taken:

1. Immediate removal of the power lines from Kaitaia Marae Incorporated boundary.

2. Consult with the marae landowners: Engage in meaningful consultation with us to discuss any future proposals.
3. Respect our rights: Recognise and respect our rights as Maori landowners and kaitiaki.
4. Protect our Kaumatua Flats project: Ensure that any future installations by service providers do not compromise the success of our Kaumatua Flats project, or other Marae projects. We believe that this is a critical case, and we request that the hearing panel take the above into its considerations.

Thank you for considering our response.

Nga mihi
Naku noa, na

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for

Kaitaia Marae Incorporated Society