

We wish to comment on the Central-West Orana REZ Transmission Project and request the realignment of the transmission line route through our property.

We live at 121 Cliffdale Road, Uarbry. There are two dwellings on our property. One dwelling is identified in the EIS as Sensitive Receiver 1119. The other dwelling is newly constructed and we are told it will be subjected to a revised impact assessment by the Proponent.

We have the following concerns with the proposed route of the transmission lines through our property:

1. Dwelling 1119 will be only 350 m from the transmission lines.
 - (a) The EIS identifies we will experience 'moderately intrusive' construction noise. Given the quite rural nature of our property we anticipate hearing an audible buzz from the transmission lines at all times once they are operational.
 - (b) The EIS predicts the visual impact on our dwelling to be 'low'. We dispute this assessment and believe the change to our visual amenity will be significant and substantial.
 - (c) This dwelling would have burnt down in the Sir Ivan Fires but for the efforts of the RFS. It is our understanding that there are limitations to the ability of the RFS to activity fight fires in the proximity of transmission lines. We are concerned our home may not survive another fire in these circumstances.
2. The newly constructed dwelling will be approximately 100 m from the transmission lines. We anticipate the noise and visual impacts, and the risk from fire to this dwelling will be even greater than for dwelling 1119.
3. The proposed route runs through the most productive areas of our property and will adversely impact our ability to crop, manoeuvre farm equipment, and manage stock. The proposed route also interferes with wet weather access to active farming areas of the property and will interfere with water flow patterns across flood-prone areas of our land.
4. We lost many of our established trees during the Sir Ivan Fires and some remaining trees will need to be removed during construction of the transmission lines. Our few remaining trees have value from a biodiversity perspective and also because of their role in providing much needed shade for our stock. We will feel the loss of these trees for decades to come as established trees cannot be replaced overnight.

We understand the Proponent is in the process of revising the transmission line route through our property. We have seen a draft of the revised route and support this change as it will lessen many of the adverse impacts identified above, particularly on the newly constructed dwelling.

We request the Proponent adopt the revised route.