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Dear Ms Brewer and Mr Davies,

Submission in Response to Proposed EnergyCo Central-West Orana REZ Transmission Project (SSI-48323210)

Thank you for the opportunity for my family and I, as impacted landholders, to make a submission in relation to the abovementioned proposed development.

My family and I object to the proposed development.

The reason for our objection is the poor and unacceptable behaviour of EnergyCo personnel.

My family and I own and operate a large farming enterprise near Cassilis. Eight kilometres of a 330kV transmission line (from Tilt Renewables' proposed Liverpool Range Wind Farm to Merotherie Hub) is proposed to traverse our property.

The manner in which EnergyCo has engaged with us has been unsatisfactory for the following reasons:

- a) EnergyCo did not treat us with respect, dignity or justice. For example, when we requested all dialogue be via email, our request was ignored, and the phone calls kept coming;
- b) EnergyCo failed to show respect or empathy regarding our anxiety over the likely disruption and disturbance to our land. We felt bullied and harassed;
- c) Immediately upon issuing its 'Opening Letter' for land acquisition EnergyCo pressured us, demanding its land valuer be on site within three weeks. When we questioned why the rush, given we had six to nine months to negotiate a deal, the answer was 'it is one of my KPIs';
- d) EnergyCo has prevaricated and refused to lock in the deal we previously reached with Tilt Renewables for monopoles to be erected along the 8 kms of proposed line on our property. The prospect that EnergyCo may renege on this prior commitment we hold with Tilt Renewables is distressing;

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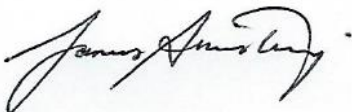
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- e) We have long advocated for a slight variation in the proposed route of the line near the two houses on the property. EnergyCo has been tardy and vague as to whether it will support the variation. The delay in settling the outcome is distressing to the family;
- f) The original map for the proposed line route through our property failed to identify one of the two houses on site – both occupied. The ‘missing’ house is even closer to the line than the one marked; and
- g) When EnergyCo’s valuer visited the property he admitted he’d already drafted his valuation report prior to the visit and the site inspection felt to me like a ‘box-ticking’ exercise.

In summary, our interaction with EnergyCo has been disappointing and aggravating. The experience has led me to feel that EnergyCo feels it can ‘push people around’ because it holds the power. Neither I nor my immediate family have made any reportable political donations over the last two years.

Yours sincerely



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