

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS  
REQUESTED IN  
SUBMISSIONS TO**

**PROPOSED PLAN CHANGES 23-25  
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**CLUTHA DISTRICT PLAN**



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1. Contact Energy Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory Section 3.4.1</li> <li>• Objectives</li> <li>• OBJ 3</li> <li>• Policy 1</li> <li>• Policy 2(a)(i)</li> <li>• Policy 2(b)</li> </ul>	Partially supports and partially opposes. Amendments sought.	<p><b>Introduction</b> - Retain the introductory text to section 3.4.1.</p> <p><b>New Objective</b> - Insert a new objective worded as follows:</p> <p><i>"Energy Objective# - Large Scale Renewable Electricity Generation Facilities</i>  <i>To enable the development and operation of larger scale renewable electricity generation facilities where adverse environmental effects have been appropriately assessed and significant adverse environmental effects avoided, remedied or mitigated."</i></p> <p><b>Objective 3</b> - Amend to read:  <i>"To ensure that the local costs (environmental, social, cultural and economic) of new large-scale electricity facilities are appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated".</i></p> <p><b>Policy 1</b> - Amend 1 to substitute "consideration" for "particular regard" in the opening words of the policy and delete sub-policy (f).</p> <p><b>New Policy</b> - Insert a new Policy as follows:  <i>"Energy Policy #</i>  <i>In determining the appropriateness of the development of a new renewable electricity generation facility within the District, particular regard should be given to the constraints imposed on the proposed generation technology by the location of the necessary resources, infrastructure and logistical or technical requirements which may prevent some adverse effects from being avoided, remedied or mitigated".</i></p> <p><b>Policy 2 cross reference</b> - Amend the cross reference on the opening words of existing Energy Policy 2 to refer both to Energy Policy 1 and</p>

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2. Federated Farmers of New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OBJ 3</li> <li>• OBJ 5</li> <li>• Policy 1</li> <li>• Policy 2</li> <li>• Policy 4</li> <li>• Rules 1 to 3 Restricted Discretionary Activities</li> <li>• Definition of Energy Generation Facility"</li> </ul>	Partially supports and partially opposes. Seeks regulatory framework that does not elevate status of electricity transmission over other uses and allows local decision makers to balance potential resource options.	<p>new Energy Policy.</p> <p><b>Policy 2(a)(i)</b> - Amend to read:  <i>"The long term effects on communities (both positive and negative), including the potential for displacement, dislocation or severance of communities, the impact of rapid and temporary population increases, and the impact of an influx of younger working people and the investment they make in the community."</i></p> <p><b>Policy 2(b)</b> - Amend to read:  <i>"(i) The efficiency of the proposed development assessed in economic terms, including both the economic benefits of the facility and the economic costs."</i></p> <p><b>Objective 3</b> – adopt as stated.</p> <p><b>Objective 5</b> - Amend to restrict its application to "renewable" electricity generation facilities.</p> <p><b>Policy 1(a), (b)</b> – adopt as stated.</p> <p><b>Policy 1(f), (g)</b> – insert a further matter "the extent or degree of effect on existing land use."</p> <p><b>Policy 2(b) (ii) and (iv)</b> – adopt as stated.</p> <p><b>Policy 4</b> – Amend policy so that it reads "To enable ... lawfully established electricity generation facilities where <u>there is no adverse impact on existing land use and where the environmental effects of such works are compatible with...</u>"</p> <p><b>Rule 3 (a) and (b)</b> – include additional provision "Any adverse effect on existing land use."</p> <p><b>Definition of electricity generation facility</b>" – add "but excludes the distribution network and/or the national grid."</p> <p><b>3.4.1 Introduction</b> - Add the following paragraph after the 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph:</p>
3. Genesis Power Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OBJ HER.2</li> <li>• Pol HER. 2A</li> </ul>	Supports plan change in part. Primary concern is to ensure that the plan change properly gives effect to the NPS for Renewable Electricity Generation. Also has	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pol HER. 2B</li> <li>• Pol HER. 2C</li> <li>• Rule RRA. 13(a)</li> <li>• Rule RRA. 13(b)</li> <li>• Rule COA.6</li> </ul>	<p>concern regarding the approach taken to offsetting and environmental compensation.</p>	<p><u>"Given the established electricity generation facilities within the Rural Resource Area and the significant potential for further sustainable development of renewable energy resources within the Rural Resource Area identified above, renewable electricity generation is recognised as an intrinsic part of the rural environment within the Clutha District. The reverse sensitivity effects of other activities that occur in the rural environment on renewable electricity generation are required to be avoided under Policy D of the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation."</u></p> <p><b>Objective 1</b> - Amend to include reference to energy resources being "regionally" important.</p> <p><b>Objective 2</b> - Retain as proposed.</p> <p><b>Objective 3</b> - Delete.</p> <p><b>Objective 5</b> - Amend as follows:</p> <p><del>To recognise that some environmental effects of electricity generation facilities cannot always be avoided, remedied or mitigated, and to have regard to offsetting measures of environmental compensation where the benefits of the facility outweigh the adverse effects.</del></p> <p><u>To recognise that any offset measures or compensation proposed by the Applicant are relevant considerations when evaluating whether a proposal amounts to sustainable management.</u></p> <p><b>Policy 1</b> - Amend as follows:  In determining the appropriateness of the development of a new electricity generation facility within the District, particular regard shall be given to the following matters:  ...  d) Whether the facility will maintain or increase electricity generation capacity while avoiding, reducing or displacing greenhouse gas emissions;</p>

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			<p>h) <u>Whether the facility uses renewable natural resources rather than finite resources;</u>  j) <u>Whether the facility avoids reliance on imported fuels;</u>  i) <u>Whether the facility avoids, reduces or displaces greenhouse gas emissions.</u></p> <p><b>Policy 2</b> - Delete as a policy and include it as an assessment matter with the following additions to (a) Social:  - <u>The direct positive effects of the community arising from the construction and operation of the facility including but not limited to employment opportunities;</u>  - <u>The positive effects on the security of communities' electricity supply;</u>  - <u>The benefits from the maintenance or enhancement of electricity generation capacity.</u></p> <p><b>Policy 3(a) (i)</b> - Delete the words "where there are any residual environmental effects that cannot be avoided, remedied or mitigated".</p> <p><b>Policy 5</b> - Retain as proposed.</p> <p><b>New policy</b> - Include new policy as follows:  In determining the appropriateness of any development within the District under this Plan, consideration will be given to:  i. <u>Whether it is possible to manage reverse sensitivity effects of the development on consented and on existing renewable electricity generation activities; and</u>  ii. <u>If (i) is achieved, the methods that should be applied to managing the development and any associated activities so as to avoid reverse sensitivity effects on consented and on existing renewable electricity generation activities.</u></p> <p><b>Rules section</b> - Amend the note at the start of the rules section as follows:</p> <p>NOTE: TO BE A COMPLETE CODE  The rules in this section of the Plan provide a complete code for those activities to which this section applies, including all <u>electricity conveyance (including substations) required to</u></p>

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			<p>convey electricity to the distribution network and/or the national grid...</p> <p><b>Section 3.13</b> - Add the following new rule into section 3.13 for wind farm noise:</p> <p><b>Rule NSE.5 – Wind Farm Noise</b>  <u>Noise resulting from the operation of wind farms shall meet the limits recommended in, and shall be measured and assessed in accordance with, New Zealand Standard NZS 6808: 2010</u>  <u>Acoustics – Wind farm noise. Any wind farm activity that fails to comply with this standard shall be a discretionary activity.</u></p> <p><b>Permitted Activity Rule 1(a) and schedule 11</b>- Delete and incorporate aspects of schedule 11 into other sections of the plan as follows:</p> <p><b>DEFINITIONS</b>  The following definitions apply to Electricity Generation and Associated Facilities  "Operation": the working of a electricity generation facility on a day-to- day basis to generate and transmit electricity (for example, with respect to a scheduled hydro scheme activities include the control of lake levels, access requirements, excluding the public, storage of goods and materials, sign, provision of jetties).  "Maintenance": the undertaking of work necessary to keep an electricity generation facility operating at an efficient and safe level (for example, activities include erosion and flood control, weed and sediment control, access requirements, maintenance of plant, machinery or structures, monitoring of operations).  "Enhancement": the improvement of an electricity generation facility (for example, activities include landscaping, planting, painting, refurbishment of buildings).  "Refurbishment or upgrading": the upgrade or renewal of existing plant, machinery or structures to gain efficiencies in generating and transmitting electricity (for example, activities include ancillary buildings and structures, earthworks and deposit of materials) provided this does not increase the scheduled footprint of the facility.</p>

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			<p><b>3.4.5 APPENDIX 1</b>  <u>Activities specifically provided for as permitted activities under Rule 1(a) include, but are not limited to the following:</u>  [...]  w) <u>Structures and associated lines for conveyance of electricity under 13m in height.</u>  x) <u>Substations, except where they adjoin or face across a road, or any land occupied for residential, commercial, health, educational or recreation activity.</u></p> <p><b>Rule 1(a) and Rule 1(b)</b> - Combine as follows:</p> <p>1. Permitted Activities  (ba) <u>Lawfully Established Energy Generation Facilities Any work or activity associated with the ongoing operation, maintenance, enhancement, refurbishment or upgrading within the existing envelope of any lawfully established electricity generation facility (including but not limited to those activities listed in Appendix 1) is a permitted activity, subject to the following conditions:</u>  1. <u>In carrying out the activities identified above, any ground that is temporarily disturbed by such activities shall be reinstated to a condition no less than that which existed prior to the commencement of the work. Should ground disturbance be required to be undertaken in areas adjoining Public Conservation Land, plant and machinery shall be effectively cleaned of weed seeds and/or weed material prior to work commencing. Reinstatement of indigenous vegetation shall be on a "like with like" basis and its success will be monitored and any plants with wilding potential shall not be planted (see the Canterbury/Otago "Plant Me Instead" guide -- refer to the "Weedbuster" website).</u></p> <p><b>Rule 1(c)</b> - Amend by adding "ix. Access tracks and roads to any investigation and assessment sites and facilities"; amend reference to Rule RRA.13 to RRA.13 (a); remove reference to Rule COA.6; add the following note:  Note:  <u>Any activity that is assessed under this Rule and requires resource consent under Rule RRA.13(a) shall be assessed</u></p>

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			<p>under <u>Rule 2(b)(ii) of this Energy Section.</u></p> <p><b>Rule 2. Controlled activities (a) Scheduled Activities</b> – amend heading to read as "Lawfully Established Energy Generation Activities."</p> <p><b>Rule 2. Controlled activities (b)</b> – remove requirement to comply with conditions in Energy Rule 1(c).</p> <p><b>Rule 3. Restricted Discretionary Activities (a) Lawfully Established Facilities and Scheduled Activities</b> – amend heading to read as "Energy Generation Activities."  (a) Lawfully Established Facilities and Scheduled Activities</p> <p><del>Any activity that seeks to increase the energy output (other than through efficiencies as the result of refurbishment or upgrading permitted under Rule 4(a)) of any lawfully established electricity generation facility or electricity generation facility that has status as a scheduled activity at Schedule 6.11 of this Plan within the scheduled area or within an extension contiguous to the existing facility that is wholly within the property that the schedule applies to is a restricted discretionary activity.</del></p> <p><u>Any work or activity associated with the ongoing operation, maintenance, enhancement, refurbishment or upgrading outside the existing envelope of any lawfully established electricity generation facility is a restricted discretionary activity.</u></p> <p><b>Rule 3. Restricted Discretionary Activities (b)</b> – amend to make a controlled activity; amend reference to Rule RRA.13 to RRA.13 (a); remove reference to Rule COA.6.</p> <p><b>Rule 4. Discretionary Activities (a)</b> – amend to make a restricted discretionary activity; amend reference to Rule RRA.13 to RRA.13 (a); remove reference to Rule COA.6; add the following:</p> <p><u>Council's discretion is restricted to the management of adverse effects on matters listed in the relevant Table(s) or Rule(s) that</u></p>

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4. L&M Lignite Kaitangata Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entire plan changes 23 - 25</li> </ul>	<p>Opposes specific parts of the plan change. Considers the plan change does not go far enough in acknowledging and supporting the coal, lignite and other non-renewable resources in the district. Does not believe policies 1 to 5 have any provision for generation of electricity from non-renewable sources. Requests the plan change be broadened to provide policies specific to extractive and processing of mineral resources, including energy production from lignite and coal.</p>	<p>are not compiled with.</p> <p><b>Rule 4. Discretionary Activities (b)</b> – remove reference to "rapid and temporary population increases and the associated effects on infrastructure and community facilities;"</p> <p><b>Discretionary Activities</b> – add the following "Catch-all Rule":</p> <p><u>All Other Activities Associated With Electricity Generation Facilities</u></p> <p>Any electricity generation activity or associated activity, including investigation and assessment works for electricity generation facilities, that is not covered by any other rules in the Energy Section is a discretionary activity.</p> <p><b>3.4.1 Introduction</b> – delete the sentence "This section only deals with activities that concern natural resources into electricity or transform another energy type into electricity" and include a new sentence that acknowledges coal, lignite etc. in the district and the extraction/processing of these resources as a source of energy.</p> <p><b>3.4.2 – Objectives and Policies</b> – add new Objective as follows:</p> <p><u>Energy Objective 6 – Development of Non-renewable Energy Generation Facilities</u></p> <p>To provide for the development and operation of new mineral extraction operation or mineral processing facilities, where adverse effects on the environment are avoided, remedied or mitigated.</p> <p><b>Policy 1</b> - amend as follows:</p> <p>In determining the appropriateness of the development of a new electricity generation facility, or new mineral extraction operation or mineral processing facility, within the District, particular regard shall be given to the following matters:</p> <p>a) The effects, both positive and adverse, the proposed electricity generation facility or new mineral extraction operation or mineral processing facility, will ... ;</p> <p>h) Whether the new mineral extraction operation or mineral processing facility will contribute to providing for the district's, region's and/or nation's current and future energy needs..</p>

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5. Meridian Energy Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General</li> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Objectives 1 to 5</li> <li>• Policies 2 and 3</li> <li>• 3.4.3 Reasons and Explanation for Objectives and Policies</li> <li>• Rules 3.4.4(1), (2), (4).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supports approach with some amendments</b></p>	<p><b>Policy 3</b> - amend as follows:            In determining the significance of the effects of the proposed electricity generation facility, or new mineral extraction operation or <u>mineral processing facility</u>, under Policy 1 ...:</p> <p><b>Policy 4</b> - amend as follows:            To enable the ongoing operation, maintenance, upgrading and development of lawfully established <u>mineral extraction operation or mineral processing facility</u>, where the environmental effects of such work are compatible with ...</p> <p><b>Policies</b> - Include new policy 6 as follows:            To enable the identification and assessment and development of potential sites and energy sources for energy generation from <u>minerals and other non-renewable energy sources.</u></p> <p><b>3.4.2 Reasons and Explanation for Objectives and Policies</b> – include reference to “other forms of energy”.</p> <p><b>3.4.4 Rules (1)(a), (b), (c); (2)(b); (3);(4)(b)</b> – amend to make provision for mineral exploration, extraction operation or mineral processing facilities.</p> <p><b>Consequential Amendments</b> – make any consequential changes required to rest of Plan Change 23 - 25.</p> <p><b>General</b> - retain complete code for activities associated with Electricity Generation Facilities.</p> <p><b>Introduction</b> – retain.</p> <p><b>Objectives 1 to 4</b> – retain.</p> <p><b>Objective 5</b> - amend as follows:            To recognise that some environmental effects of electricity generation facilities cannot always be avoided, remedied or mitigated and to have regard to offsetting measures or</p>

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			<p>environmental compensation where the benefits of the facility outweigh the adverse effects in these circumstances.</p> <p><b>Policy 2(e)</b> - amend as follows:</p> <p>(e). <i>Landscape</i></p> <p>(i) Potential for the loss of, or irreversible change to, any identified values of landscapes or natural features identified as outstanding in the District Plan ;</p> <p>(ii) The impact (both positive and negative) on any identified values of landscapes identified as amenity landscapes in the District Plan;</p> <p><b>Policy 3 a) (i) and (iii)</b> – retain</p> <p><b>Policy 3 a) (ii)</b>– delete or amend as follows:</p> <p>(ii) Design measures which Measures designed to allow for provide for operational requirements which may also complementing and provide for mitigation opportunities;</p> <p><b>3.4.3 Reasons and Explanations for Objectives and Policies</b> – amend 3<sup>rd</sup> line, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph as follows:</p> <p>“...Consequently the local and national benefits of such projects must be weighted up against considered along with the local and national costs...”</p> <p><b>Rule 1(b) and (c)</b> – retain.</p> <p><b>Rule 2(b) (i) and (ii)</b> – amend reference to “Rule Energy 1(b)” to read Rule Energy 1(c)”.</p> <p><b>Rule 4(b)</b> – retain.</p> <p><b>Consequential Amendments</b> – make any consequential changes required to rest of Plan Change 23 - 25.</p>

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6. NZ Historic Places Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rules 3.4.4.1(c) (f)</li> <li>• Rules 3.4.4.1(c) and 3.4.4.2(b)(ii)</li> <li>• Rules 3.4.4.3(a) vii &amp; (b) vii.</li> <li>• Rule 3.4.4.4(a) &amp; (b).</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supports.</b></p>	<p><b>Rules 3.4.4.1(c) (f)</b> – supports inclusion of reference to Historic Places Act. Attaches copy of NZHPT’s standard Accidental Discovery Protocol for inclusion as Schedule 12.</p> <p><b>Rules 3.4.4.1(c) and 3.4.4.2(b) (ii)</b> – supports inclusion of Table 13.1 in list of land excluded from permitted activity rules.</p> <p><b>Rules 3.4.4.3(a) vii &amp; (b) vii.</b> – Supports inclusion of impact on historic heritage’ as a matter over which discretion is retained.</p> <p><b>Rule 3.4.4.4(a) &amp; (b).</b> – supports discretionary status for these activities.</p>
7. NZ Wind Energy Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General</li> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Objectives 1 to 5</li> <li>• Policies 1 to 5</li> <li>• 3.4.3 Reasons and Explanation for Objectives and Policies</li> <li>• Rules</li> <li>• Rule 1 to 4</li> <li>• Schedules and definitions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Supports intent of the plan change with amendments. Plan change should be more prescriptive in providing for renewable energy activities.</b></p>	<p><b>General</b> - retain complete code for activities associate with Electricity Generation Facilities.</p> <p><b>Introduction</b> – retain.</p> <p><b>Objectives 1 and 2</b> – retain</p> <p><b>Objective 3</b> – amend and provide explanatory text to state:</p> <p><i>To provide for the development, upgrading, maintenance, and operation of renewable electricity generation activities and ensure that the development of new, large-scale electricity generation facilities has both local and national benefits and that adverse environmental effects and local costs (environmental, social, cultural and economic) are appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated.</i></p> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p>Add new objective to state:</p> <p><i>To recognise that renewable electricity generation activities, at any scale, have local, regional and national benefits as identified in the national policy statement for renewable electricity generation.</i></p> <p><b>Objective 4</b> – amend to state:  <i>To enable the development and operation of small and community-scale distributed renewable electricity generation</i></p>

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			<p><i>facilities where the benefits are local while ensuring significant adverse environmental effects are avoided, remedied or mitigated.</i></p> <p>Insert a new objective that states:</p> <p><i>To provide for the development and operation of small and community-scale distributed renewable electricity generation facilities where significant adverse environmental effects cannot practicably be avoided, remedied or mitigated.</i></p> <p><b>Objective 5</b> – amend to state:</p> <p><i>To recognise that some environmental effects of electricity generation facilities cannot always be avoided, remedied or mitigated, and to have regard to offsetting measures or environmental compensation where an applicant volunteers the offsetting or compensation the benefits of the facility outweigh the adverse effects.</i></p> <p><b>Policy 1</b> - Retain Energy Policy 1 and add a new clause to ensure potential noise from wind turbines will be assessed in accordance with NZS6808. Suggested wording is:</p> <p><i>h) <u>Wind farm noise effects will be assessed in accordance with NZS6808.</u></i></p> <p><b>Policy 2</b> - Retain Energy Policy 2 but reference the criteria with listed numbers, not bullet points.</p> <p><b>Policies 3 to 5</b> – retain policies.</p> <p><b>3.4.3 Reasons and Explanations for Objectives and Policies</b> - Replace 'costs' with 'environmental effects'.</p> <p><b>Rules</b> - Retain this section as a method for implementing the energy objectives and policies.</p> <p><b>Rule 1 Permitted Activities</b> - Retain permitted activities as listed except add a new permitted standard relating to wind turbine sound. Suggested wording is:</p>

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			<p><u>Wind turbine sound is permitted up to the following limit: sound levels received outdoors at noise sensitive locations, at any wind speed, shall not exceed the background sound level by more than 5 dB, or a level of 40 dB LA90(10 min), whichever is the greater.</u></p> <p>And add Mt Stuart and Mahinerangi wind farms to Schedule 6.11.</p> <p><b>Rule 2 Controlled Activities</b> – retain as listed.</p> <p><b>Rule 3 Restricted Discretionary Activities</b> - amend provisions as follows:</p> <p>(a) <b>Lawfully Established Facilities and Scheduled Activities</b></p> <p>Any activity that seeks to increase the energy output (other than through efficiencies as the result of refurbishment or upgrading permitted under Rule 1(a)) of any lawfully established electricity generation facility or electricity generation facility that has status as a scheduled activity at Schedule 6.11 of this Plan within the scheduled area or within an extension contiguous to the existing facility that is wholly within the property that the schedule applies to is a restricted discretionary activity.</p> <p><del>Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</del></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>i. The adverse effects of construction particularly in terms of noise, lightspill, glare, vibration, dust, traffic generation, stormwater management, earthworks, and health and safety;</del></li> <li><del>ii. The ongoing effects of the facility in terms of noise, lightspill, glare, vibration, dust, traffic generation, stormwater management, earthworks, and health and safety;</del></li> <li><del>iii. The impact on reserves and other protected public and private land, and recreation areas, community facilities, infrastructure and services;</del></li> <li><del>iv. The impact on public access to, and along, the margins of the coast, lakes and rivers, and to natural and physical features;</del></li> <li><del>v. The potential impact of natural hazard events and the effect the activity itself may have on exacerbating natural hazards;</del></li> <li><del>vi. The impact on sites and resources of value to Kai Tahu;</del></li> <li><del>vii. The impact on historic heritage;</del></li> </ul>

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			<p><del>viii. Any geotechnical constraints of the affected area;</del>  <del>ix. The impact on natural character, landscape and visual amenity values in general;</del>  <del>x. The impact on any significant indigenous vegetation, significant habitats of indigenous fauna or any significant wetland;</del>  <del>xi. The potential for the establishment of invading exotic vegetation.</del>  <del>A resource consent application made under this rule shall not be publicly notified.</del>  <del>(b) Small and Community-Scale Distributed Renewable Electricity Generation Facilities</del></p> <p>The development of small and community-scale distributed renewable electricity generation facilities (as defined) is a restricted discretionary activity except where they are located on land listed in the following tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Table 9 (SSWI Database);</li> <li>• Table 13.(1 Register of Heritage Buildings)</li> <li>• Table 13.3A (Potentially Outstanding Landscapes);</li> <li>• Table 13.3B (Outstanding Natural Features);</li> <li>• Table 13.5 (Significant Wetlands);</li> <li>• Table 13.6 (Waahi Tapu);</li> <li>• Table 13.7 (Waahi Taoka and Mahika Kai); and</li> <li>• Table 13.8 (Areas of Significant Habitat),</li> </ul> <p>Or are on land that would otherwise trigger Rules RRA.13 or COA.6.</p> <p>Councils discretion for (a) and (b) above is restricted to the following matters listed in Energy Policy 2; and [for renewable electricity generation activities] the Objective and Policies 1, 2, 3 of the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation.</p> <p><del>i. The adverse effects of construction particularly in terms of noise, light spill, glare, vibration, dust, traffic generation;</del></p>

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			<p><del>stormwater management, earthworks, and health and safety;</del></p> <p><del>ii. The ongoing effects of the facility in terms of noise, lightspill, glare, vibration, dust, traffic generation, stormwater management, earthworks, and health and safety;</del></p> <p><del>iii. The impact on reserves and other protected public and private land, and recreation areas, community facilities, infrastructure and services;</del></p> <p><del>iv. The impact on public access to, and along, the margins of the coast, lakes and rivers or to natural and physical features;</del></p> <p><del>v. The potential impact of natural hazard events and the effect the activity itself may have on exacerbating or relieving natural hazards;</del></p> <p><del>vi. The impact on sites and resources of value to Kai Tahu;</del></p> <p><del>vii. The impact on historic heritage;</del></p> <p><del>viii. Any geotechnical constraints of the affected area;</del></p> <p><del>ix. The impact on natural character, landscape and visual amenity values in general;</del></p> <p><del>x. The impact on any significant indigenous vegetation, significant habitats of indigenous fauna or any significant wetland;</del></p> <p><del>xi. The potential for the establishment of invading exotic vegetation.</del></p> <p><del>A resource consent application made under this rule shall not be publicly notified.</del></p> <p><b>Rule 4 A &amp; B Discretionary Activities – retain.</b></p> <p><b>Schedules – Refurbishment or upgrading - Amend definition to state:</b></p> <p><b>“Refurbishment or upgrading”:</b> <del>the upgrade or renewal of existing plant, machinery or structures to gain efficiencies in generating and transmitting electricity (activities include ancillary buildings and structures, earthworks and deposit of materials) provided this does not increase the scheduled footprint of the facility.</del></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>Delete “or upgrading” from the definition and provide a new definition and explanatory text for ‘upgrading’. Suggested wording is:</p>

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8. Pioneer Generation Ltd	Entire plan change	Supports plan change in its present form	<p><b>"Upgrading"</b> means the addition or replacement of components of an existing electricity generation facility.</p> <p><i>For the purposes of this definition, the term upgrading captures new activities and development that may have effects outside the scope (scale, intensity and character) of the existing electricity generation facility.</i></p> <p><b>Further relief sought</b> – any other amendments of like effects or consequential amendments arising.</p>
9. Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory Section 3.4.1</li> <li>• Objectives to 5</li> <li>• Policies 1 to 5</li> <li>• Rules 1 to 4</li> </ul>	<p>Supports some but not all aspects of the proposed plan change. Particularly concerned that the Plan Change is very enabling and does not promote sustainable management, particularly in relation to maintaining indigenous biodiversity</p>	<p>Retain</p> <p><b>Introductory section</b> - Amend as follows:  <b>3.4.1 (para.6) -</b>  These include the Lower Clutha River (which has been seen as a significant potential resource for hydro development for some years now) and significant coal and lignite reserves. Further opportunities also exist within the District for the development of wind powered generation.</p> <p><b>3.4.1 (para. 7) -</b>  While electricity is critical to the efficient functioning of our communities, the development of generation facilities has the potential to both adversely and positively affect the environment. Depending on the type of generation facility developed, these effects can occur at a local level through to the global level. Global level adverse effects can arise from generation facilities that release greenhouse gases, whereas renewable electricity generation facilities can result in positive global effects. <u>Furthermore it is possible that the energy resource is harvested from within the Clutha District but the energy generation facility may be located outside of the District.</u></p> <p><b>Objective 1</b> - Amend as follows:  To ensure that the <u>sustainable management</u> of the District's renewable and <u>non-renewable</u> energy resources are recognised as locally and nationally important. <del>in the</del></p>

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			<p>sustainable management of the District's resources</p> <p><b>Objective 2</b> - Amend as follows: To enable the ongoing operation, maintenance, upgrade and development <u>within the existing envelope</u> of lawfully established electricity generation facilities.</p> <p><b>Objective 3</b> - Amend as follows: To ensure the development of new, large-scale renewable electricity facilities has both local and national benefits and that adverse environmental effects and local costs (environmental, social, cultural and economic) are appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated.</p> <p><b>Objective 4</b> - Amend as follows: To enable the development and operation of small and community-scale distributed renewable electricity generation facilities where the benefits are local and significant adverse environmental effects are avoided, remedied or mitigated.</p> <p><b>Objective 5</b> - Amend as follows: To recognise that some environmental effects of renewable electricity generation facilities cannot always be avoided, remedied or mitigated, and for non significant natural areas, to have regard to offsetting measures of environmental compensation that results in no net loss of biodiversity and benefits the local environment and community where the national benefits of the facility outweigh the adverse effects.</p> <p><b>New Policy</b> - Add a new policy (and schedule) as follows: Policy xxx – Limitations on the use of biodiversity offsets To ensure that biodiversity offsets are only treated as appropriately mitigating adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity, the following criteria (in addition to the principles in schedule xxx Biodiversity Offset Principles), will apply: (1) the offset will only compensate for residual adverse effects that cannot otherwise be avoided, remedied or mitigated;</p>

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			<p>(2) the residual effects on biodiversity are capable of being offset and will be fully compensated by the offset;</p> <p>(3) the area to be offset does not meet the criteria for significance (Policy HER2B or is not identified as a significant natural area.</p> <p>(4) offsets will be achieved in perpetuity; and</p> <p>(5) where the offset involves the ongoing protection of a separate site, it will deliver a net benefit for indigenous biodiversity conservation</p> <p>Offsets should re-establish or protect the same type of ecosystem or habitat that is adversely affected.</p> <p><b>New Schedule</b> - Add a new schedule detailing the principles to be applied when considering a biodiversity offset/environmental compensation issue.</p> <p><b>Policy 1</b> - Amend as follows:</p> <p>In determining the appropriateness of the development of a new electricity generation facility within the District, particular regard shall be given to the following matters:</p> <p>b) the significance of the social, economic, cultural, landscape and ecological values, and hazard constraints of the land and local communities potentially affected by the facility;</p> <p>f) the constraints imposed on the proposed generation technology by the location of the necessary resources; infrastructure and logistical or technical requirements which may prevent some adverse effects from being avoided, remedied or mitigated.</p> <p><b>Policy 2</b> - Amend as follows:</p> <p>e) <b>Landscape</b></p> <p>(i) Potential for the loss of, or irreversible change to, any outstanding landscapes or natural features identified as outstanding in the District Plan;</p> <p>(ii) The impact (both positive and negative) on any amenity landscapes identified as amenity landscapes in the District Plan;</p> <p>(iii) The impact (both positive and negative) on natural character, landscape and visual amenity values in general.</p>

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			<p>(i) Ecological</p> <p>(ii) Potential for the loss of, or irreversible change to, any significant wetlands identified in the District Plan or any Regional Plan;</p> <p>(iii) The impact on the Mauri and health of ecosystems of indigenous species, including mahinga kai species;</p> <p>(iv) The potential for biodiversity protection or enhancement either on-site or elsewhere</p> <p>The relevance of these matters will be determined on a case by case basis, having regard to the potential effects of the proposal on scale of the proposal and the nature of the receiving environment.</p> <p><b>Policy 3</b> - Amend as follows:</p> <p>In determining the significance of the effects of the proposed electricity generation facility under Policy 1, consideration will be given to the following matters;</p> <p>a) The methods proposed to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects on the environment identified in Policy 2 which may include:</p> <p>(i) Offsetting measures or environmental compensation (according to Schedule xxx Biodiversity Offsetting Principles) including measures or compensation which benefit the local environment or community affected) where there are any residual environmental effects that cannot be avoided, remedied or mitigated;</p> <p>(ii) Measures designed to allow operational requirements to be complemented and provide for mitigation opportunities;</p> <p>(iii) Adaptive management measures available to assist with avoiding, remedying or mitigating adverse effects;</p> <p>b) Where applicable, the benefit from the reversibility of the adverse environmental effects associated with the proposed generation technology;</p>

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			<p><b>Policy 4 - Amend as follows:</b>            To enable the ongoing operation, maintenance and upgrading within the existing envelope and development of lawfully established electricity generation facilities, where the environmental effects of such work are compatible with the existing environment and the work or activity is not undertaken within or adversely affects any potentially outstanding landscape, outstanding natural feature, wetland or area of significant habitat, none of the landscape, habitats or fauna listed in schedules of the District Plan are significantly affected.</p> <p><b>Policy 5 - Amend as follows:</b>            To enable the identification and assessment of potential sites and energy sources for renewable electricity generation and research-scale investigation into emerging renewable electricity generation technologies and method where the environmental effects of such work are compatible with the existing environment and the work or activity is not undertaken within or adversely affects any potentially outstanding landscape, outstanding natural feature, wetland or area of significant habitats.</p> <p><b>Rule 1.(a) – further clarification required to assess the effect of this rule.</b></p> <p><b>Rule 1.(c) – amend as follows:</b></p> <p>...            Except on land listed in and/or identified via the application of the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Clearance, modification or removal of indigenous vegetation from any area meeting criteria for significance in Policy HER 2B.</u></li> </ul> <p>The amendment to Rule 1(c) also requires amendment to Policy HER 2B as follows:</p> <p><b>Representativeness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The extent to which indigenous biodiversity represents what was originally characteristic of the ecological district.</u></li> </ul> <p><b>Diversity &amp; pattern</b></p>

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			<p>•The extent of natural diversity present within an area. This includes physical, habitat, biological, genetic and ecological processes.</p> <p>•Biological diversity can be further subdivided into species (number of species and abundance) and community diversity.</p> <p>•Ecotones are particularly important as transitions between adjacent communities or patterns as they are usually very productive and support high species diversity.</p> <p>•Some areas are naturally of low diversity, but support the full range of diversity expected for that habitat type.</p> <p><b>Rarity &amp; distinctiveness</b></p> <p>These two are often combined because of their similarities and relationships, e.g. uncommon, unusual or atypical.</p> <p>•The extent to which an area supports an indigenous species, habitat or community which is rare in the ecological district or threatened/at risk nationally.</p> <p>•The extent to which an area supports uncommon physical and ecological features in the ecological district.</p> <p>•The extent to which an area is characterised by endemism, relict distributions, type localities, distribution limits, atypical bedrock/habitats, unique or specialised species. This includes geological, scientific or other special features.</p> <p>•Supporting protected indigenous fauna for some part of their life-cycle (e.g. breeding, feeding, moulting, roosting), whether on a regular or infrequent basis.</p> <p>•playing an important role in the life-cycle of protected migratory indigenous fauna:</p> <p><b>Naturalness</b></p> <p>•The extent to which the area is modified by human activity, including the presence of weeds or pests.</p> <p>•This must be assessed at the ecological district scale to reflect the degree of modification that is characteristic of that district.</p> <p><b>Ecological context</b></p> <p>•The extent to which the area has ecological value due to its location and functioning in relation to its surroundings e.g. hydrology, pollination and dispersal.</p> <p>•An area may be ecologically significant because of its connections to a neighbouring area, or as part of a network of areas of fauna habitat, or as a buffer.</p> <p>•The degree to which the size and shape of an area</p>

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			<p>contributes to its natural diversity. Larger areas and its life supporting or carrying capacity. Larger areas tend to support greater natural diversity, and compact areas are less influenced by edge effects.</p> <p>• Small areas do contribute to total genetic diversity and may be viable habitats for invertebrates and threatened plants. They can also collectively have increased value e.g. scattered small wetlands used by waterbirds.</p> <p><b>Rule 2(a)</b> – further clarification is required to assess the effect of this rule.</p> <p><b>Rules 2(b) (i) and (ii)</b> – delete these rules.</p> <p><b>Rule 3(a)</b> – Amend rule as follows:</p> <p>... wholly within the property that the schedule applies to is a restricted discretionary activity except where the activity is located on land listed in the following tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Table 9 (SSWI Database);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.1 (Register of Heritage Buildings)</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.3A (Potentially Outstanding Natural Landscapes);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.3B (Outstanding natural Features);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.5 (Significant Wetlands) or any other wetland not identified on Table 13.5;</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.6 (Waahi Tapu);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.7 (Waahi Taoka and Mahika Kai); and</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.8 (Areas of Significant Habitat).</u></li> </ul> <p>Or are on land that would otherwise trigger Rules RRA.13 or COA.6 or Clearance, modification or removal of indigenous vegetation from any area meeting criteria for significance in Policy HER 2B.</p> <p>[This also requires amendment to Policy HER 2B as identified above]</p> <p>The following matters of discretion need to be included or amended:</p> <p>ix. The impact effects on natural character, natural features, landscape and visual amenity values in general;</p> <p>x. The impact effects on any significant indigenous vegetation,</p>

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			<p>significant habitats of indigenous fauna or any significant wetland;</p> <p>xi. <u>Erosion and sediment control methods;</u></p> <p>xii. <u>Effects on indigenous biological diversity, ecological values and intrinsic values;</u></p> <p>xiii. <u>Effects on natural character of the coastal environment, wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins;</u></p> <p><del>A resource consent application made under this rule shall not be publicly notified.</del></p> <p><b>Rule 3(b)</b> – Amend rule as follows:</p> <p>wholly within the property that the schedule applies to is a restricted discretionary activity <u>except where the activity is located on land listed in the following tables:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Table 9 (SSWI Database);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.1 (Register of Heritage Buildings)</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.3A (Potentially Outstanding Natural Landscapes);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.3B (Outstanding natural Features);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.5 (Significant Wetlands) or any other wetland not identified on Table 13.5;</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.6 (Waahi Tapu);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.7 (Waahi Taoka and Mahika Kai); and</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.8 (Areas of Significant Habitat).</u></li> </ul> <p><u>Or are on land that would otherwise trigger Rules RRA.13 or COA.6 or Clearance, modification or removal of indigenous vegetation from any area meeting criteria for significance in Policy HER 2B.</u></p> <p>[This also requires amendment to Policy HER 2B as identified above]</p> <p>The following matters of discretion need to be included or amended:</p> <p>ix. <u>The impact effects on natural character, natural features, landscape and visual amenity values in general;</u></p> <p>x. <u>The impact effects on any significant indigenous vegetation, significant habitats of indigenous fauna or any significant wetland;</u></p> <p>xi. <u>Erosion and sediment control methods;</u></p>

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			<p>xii. <u>Effects on indigenous biological diversity, ecological values and intrinsic values;</u></p> <p>xiii. <u>Effects on natural character of the coastal environment, wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins;</u></p> <p>A resource consent application made under this rule shall not be publicly notified.</p> <p><b>Rule 4(a)</b> - delete and re-insert under a new heading <u>5. Non-Complying Activities – 5(a) Small and Community-Scale Distributed Renewable Electricity Generation Facilities</u></p> <p><b>Rule 4(b)</b> – Amend rule as follows:</p> <p>Any activity that involves or is associated with the construction and commissioning of a new electricity generation facility, other than a small and community-scale distributed renewable electricity generation facility is a discretionary activity except where the activity is located on land listed in the following tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Table 9 (SSWI Database);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.1 (Register of Heritage Buildings)</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.3A (Potentially Outstanding Natural Landscapes);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.3B (Outstanding natural Features);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.5 (Significant Wetlands) or any other wetland;</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.6 (Waahi Tapu);</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.7 (Waahi Taoka and Mahika Kai); and</u></li> <li>• <u>Table 13.8 (Areas of Significant Habitat).</u></li> </ul> <p>Or are on land that would otherwise trigger Rules RRA.13 or COA.6. or Clearance, modification or removal of indigenous vegetation from any area meeting criteria for significance in <u>Policy HER 2B.</u></p> <p>[This also requires amendment to Policy HER 2B as identified above]</p> <p><b>New Rule</b> – add new rule as follows:</p> <p><u>5. Non-Complying Activities</u></p>

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10. Solid Energy	Entire plan change	Generally supports the plan change but believes it should be expanded to recognise the continuing importance and significance of non-renewable energy deposits in the district and to provide for their utilisation. Enabling trials and pilot plants to develop alternative recovery techniques should be permitted. Significant mineral resources should be protected against inappropriate settlement, subdivision and development. Proposed energy section does not recognise biomass as potential energy resource except for electricity generation. Nor is the potential for biofuel production addressed. Supports energy efficiency for industry.	<p>5(b) New Electricity Generation Facilities</p> <p><u>Any activity that involves or is associated with the construction and commissioning of a new electricity generation facility that is not managed by Rule 4(b) and is not a Small and Community-Scale Distributed Renewable Electricity Generation Facilities, is a non-complying activity.</u></p> <p>General – amendments to address general submission points, in particular provide specific reference to non-renewable energy sources throughout the proposed new Section 3.4.</p> <p><u>Introduction: page 1, paragraph 6 – add the following: “The District is also rich in other energy resources including biomass and biofuel as crops which can be used for energy generation.”</u></p> <p><u>Introduction: page 1, paragraph 7 – add the following underlined words: “if not adequately offset, Global level adverse effects can arise...”</u></p> <p><u>Introduction: page 2 – add the following to the final sentence “...whilst acknowledging that there is still a requirement for conventional non-renewable electricity generation.”</u></p> <p><b>Objective 1 –</b> amend as follows:</p> <p>“To ensure that the District’s renewable and non-renewable energy resources are recognised and <u>adequately protected</u> as locally and nationally important in the sustainable management of the District’s resources</p> <p><b>Objective 3 –</b> amend as follows:</p> <p>“To ensure that the development of new, large-scale electricity facilities and <u>energy resources</u> has both local and national benefits...”</p> <p><b>Objective 5 –</b> amend as follows:</p> <p>“To recognise that some environmental effects of electricity generation facilities and <u>their associated energy resources</u> cannot always be avoided...”</p>

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			<p><b>Policy 1</b> – amend as follows:</p> <p>"in determining the appropriateness of the development of a new electricity generation facility <u>or energy source</u> within the District..."</p> <p><b>Policy 2 and 3</b> – amalgamate into 1 policy and include reference to "energy source".</p> <p><b>Policy 4</b> - amend to also reflect social and/or economic requirements.</p> <p><b>Policy 5</b> – amend by removing reference to renewable.</p> <p><b>Section 3.4.3</b> – increase reference to coal and lignite in objectives and policies as other energy sources.</p> <p><b>Rule 1(c)</b> - Amend as follows:</p> <p>(c) Investigation and Assessment Works for Renewable Electricity-Generation Energy Projects</p> <p>The following activities undertaken for the identification and assessment of potential sites and energy sources for renewable sustainable electricity generation and research-scale investigation into emerging renewable electricity generation technologies and methods are permitted activities:</p> <p>... ix. Small scale gas extraction trials and pilot plants.</p> <p><b>Rule 4(b)</b> – the amendments sought above and any further amendments to the plan to ensure adequate provision for conventional energy resources and newly emerging energy resources associated with electricity generation.</p>

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11. Transpower NZ Ltd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Objectives and policies</li> <li>• Energy Rules Definitions</li> <li>• Schedule 11</li> </ul>	Generally supports the plan change with some amendments	<p><b>Objectives 1 to 5 – retain.</b></p> <p><b>Policies 2, 4 and 5 – retain.</b></p> <p><b>Policy 1(g) –</b> amend by adding the words “including the feasibility or otherwise of an alternative route or routes.”</p> <p><b>Policy 3 –</b> amend as follows:</p> <p>In determining the significance of the effects of the proposed electricity generation facility under Policy 1, consideration will be given to the following matters;</p> <p>a) The methods proposed to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects on the environment identified in Policy 2 which may include:</p> <p>(i) Offsetting measures or environmental compensation (including measures or compensation which benefit the local environment or community affected) as a form of mitigation where there are any residual environmental effects that cannot be avoided, remedied or mitigated;</p> <p><b>General –</b> ensure no activities are classified as non-complying.</p> <p><b>Definition of National Grid –</b> retain but include reference to “substations”.</p> <p><b>Definition of “Energy Facility”, “Renewable electricity generation activities” and “Small and community-scale distributed renewable electricity generation” –</b> retain.</p> <p><b>Schedule 11 –</b> retain.</p> <p><b>Introduction –</b> introduce specific reference to section 7(j) of the RMA and Policies B and D of the NPSREG.</p> <p><b>Objective 1 –</b> add reference to “regionally”.</p> <p><b>Objective 2 –</b> retain.</p> <p><b>Objective 3 –</b> amend as follows:</p>
12. TrustPower Limited	Plan change in entirety	Generally supports plan change subject to amendments being made.	<p><b>Objective 1 –</b> add reference to “regionally”.</p> <p><b>Objective 2 –</b> retain.</p> <p><b>Objective 3 –</b> amend as follows:</p>

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			<p>To recognise ensure that the local, regional and national benefits when considering existing and new the development of new large-scale electricity facilities in particular has both local and national benefits and that adverse environmental effects and local costs (environmental, social, cultural and economic) are appropriately avoided, remedied or mitigated:</p> <p>(a) The maintenance or enhancement of electricity generation capacity while avoiding, reducing or displacing greenhouse gas emissions;</p> <p>(b) The maintenance or enhancement of the security of supply at local and regional levels by diversifying the type and/or location of electricity generation;</p> <p>(c) Assisting in meeting international climate change obligations; and</p> <p>(d) Avoiding reliance on imported fuels for the purpose of generating electricity.</p> <p><b>Objective 3A:</b>  <u>Provide for the investigation, establishment, development and upgrading of energy generation facilities while appropriately avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects on the environment.</u></p> <p><b>Objective 5</b> – amend as follows:</p> <p><del>To recognise that some environmental effects of electricity generation facilities cannot always be avoided, remedied or mitigated, and to have regard to take into account any offsetting measures or environmental compensation when determining whether a proposal is consistent with sustainable management. where the benefits of the facility outweigh the adverse effects.</del></p> <p><b>Energy Policy 1</b> – amend as follows:</p> <p><del>In determining the appropriateness of the development of a When considering a resource consent application for the development of a new electricity generation facility within the District, particular regard shall be given to the following matters:</del></p> <p><del>a) the significance of the social, economic, cultural, landscape and ecological values, and hazard constraints of the land and local communities potentially affected by the facility;</del></p> <p><del>b) the effects, both positive and adverse, the proposed electricity generation facility will have on those values identified in a) above; c) Any</del></p>

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			<p><del>local, regional, national and global effects (both positive and adverse) ever and above these local values/effects identified in a) above;</del></p> <p><del>d) Whether the facility will maintain or increase electricity generation capacity while avoiding, reducing or displacing greenhouse gas emissions;</del></p> <p><del>e) Whether the facility will maintain or increase the security of electricity supply at local, regional and national levels by diversifying the type and/or location of electricity generation;</del></p> <p><del>f) The constraints imposed on the proposed generation technology by the location of the necessary resources, infrastructure an logistical or technical requirements which may prevent some adverse effects from being avoided, remedied or mitigated;</del></p> <p><del>g) Any functional or locational constraints affecting the associated transmission infrastructure.</del></p> <p><del>x) The national significance of the proposed activity.</del></p> <p><del>y) The scale of both national, regional and local benefits and adverse effects associated with the proposed activity, and</del></p> <p><del>x) The location, operational and technical constraints</del></p> <p><b>Policy 2</b> – amend so that it is reflective of a list of assessment matters for both applicants and decision makers and to provide greater recognition of the specific benefits that can also be derived from the development and ongoing use of energy generation facilities.</p> <p><b>Policy 3</b> – amend as follows:</p> <p><i>In determining the significance of the effects of the proposed electricity generation facility under Policy 1, consideration will be given to the following matters;</i></p> <p>a) <i>The methods proposed to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects on the environment identified in Policy 2 which may include:</i></p> <p>(i) <i>Offsetting measures or environmental compensation (including measures or compensation which benefit the local environment or community affected) where there are any residual environmental effects that cannot be avoided, remedied or mitigated;</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>Measures designed to allow operational requirements to complement and provide for mitigation opportunities;</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>Adaptive management measures available to assist with avoiding, remedying or mitigating adverse effects;</i></p>

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			<p><del>b) Where applicable, the benefit from the reversibility of the adverse environmental effects associated with the proposed generation technology;</del></p> <p><b>Policy 4</b> – delete and replace with the following:</p> <p><b>Policy 4</b> Manage subdivision, use and development so as to avoid adverse effects on the operation, maintenance and upgrade of consented and existing energy generation activities.</p> <p><b>Policy 4A</b> Recognise and provide for the ongoing operation, maintenance, upgrading of existing energy generation activities by: (a) Having particular regard to the logistical and technical constraints associated with the location of existing energy generation facilities; (b) Having particular regard to the potential conflict for the need for existing energy generation facilities to be located where the resource is available and the protection of environmental values; (c) Encouraging the enhancement of existing energy generation facilities.</p> <p><b>Policy 5</b> – amend policy or introductory text to clarify that it is not Councils intention to identify or map appropriate energy sites within the district.</p> <p><b>Rules to be a complete code</b> – retain.</p> <p><b>Rule 1(a)</b> – include list of scheduled activities within plan. Recognise that location and technical constraints can require transmission lines to be overhead.</p> <p><b>Rule 1(b)</b> – retain permitted activity status.</p> <p><b>Rule 1(c)</b> – retain permitted activity status, provide for masts up to 100m and the development of access tracks, and remove reference to other rules.</p>

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			<p><b>Rule 2(a)</b> – retain cascading approach to activity status for scheduled activities.</p> <p><b>Rule 2(b)</b> – remove reference to other rules that sit outside energy chapter.</p> <p><b>Rule 3(a)</b> – amend as follows:</p> <p><i>(a) Lawfully Established Facilities and Scheduled Activities</i>  <i>Any activity associated with the ongoing operation, maintenance, enhancement, refurbishment or upgrading outside the existing envelope that seeks to increase the energy output (other than through efficiencies as the result of refurbishment or upgrading permitted under Rule 4(a)) of any lawfully established electricity generation facility or electricity generation facility that has status as a scheduled activity at Schedule 6.11 of this Plan within the scheduled area or within an extension contiguous to the existing facility that is wholly within the property that the schedule applies to is a restricted discretionary activity.</i></p> <p><b>New Energy Generation Facilities</b> – retain as discretionary activities.</p> <p><b>Definitions of “Electricity Generation Facility”, “National Grid”, “Renewable electricity generation”, “Renewable electricity generation activities”, and “Small and community-scale distributed renewable electricity generation”</b> – retain.</p> <p><b>Schedule 11</b> – insert list of scheduled activities.</p>

