



**SUBMISSION BY POWERCO LIMITED ON WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL PLAN
CHANGE 83**

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Feedback on Plan Change 83 closes on Monday the 14th May 2018

1. This is a submission by Powerco Limited on the proposed Plan Change 83 at Wellington City Council.
2. The reasons for Powerco's submission are set out in the attached schedule (Schedule 1). In summary, this submission seeks to make the council and land owners aware of existing gas assets within the site in case future development, earthworks or expansion is planned.
3. Powerco **does not wish to be heard** in support of this submission.
4. If others make a similar submission, Powerco would consider presenting a joint case at any hearing.

Dated at New Plymouth this 10th day of May 2018

Signature of person authorised to sign on behalf of Powerco Limited:



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Schedule 1 – Submission by Powerco

SCHEDULE 1

REASON FOR POWERCO'S SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This submission has been prepared on behalf of Powerco Limited (*Powerco*). Powerco is New Zealand's largest electricity and second largest gas distributor in terms of network length, and has been involved in energy distribution in New Zealand for more than a century. The Powerco network spreads across the upper and lower central North Island servicing over 400,000 consumers. This represents 46% of the gas connections and 16% of the electricity connections in New Zealand.
- 1.2 Powerco's gas distribution networks are split into five regions – Manawatu, Taranaki, Wellington, Hutt Valley/ Porirua and Hawkes Bay. Powerco distributes gas to residential and commercial customers in the Wellington area. As illustrated on the attached asset map, in Appendix A, Powerco has an existing intermediate pressure pipe (1,200kPa) located underground and an above ground regulator station in the area of Plan Change 83.
- 1.3 The Wellington Council has notified a plan change to rezone an area of land for the expansion of Kiwi Quarry, which includes rezoning an area on the southern side of the quarry from Open Space B to Business 2.

2. POWERCO'S SUBMISSION

- 2.1 Powerco is neutral to the proposed plan change. However, Powerco seeks to ensure that the proposal does not affect the ongoing operation; maintenance and upgrading of its gas network or restrict legal and physical access to its network, or cause any damage to our existing intermediate pressure gas pipe or regulator station as shown in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Powerco's existing pipe is protected by the Gas Act 1992, rather than an easement, so the presence of underground assets is not always readily apparent to landowners (i.e. Kiwi Quarry). The exact location of the underground pipe should be identified prior to any works commencing on the site, including earthworks, to ensure the pipe is not

accidentally dug into and to avoid serious injury or a costly service interruption. Information on the location of underground pipes and cables can be obtained through the “*Dial Before You Dig*” service found online at www.beforeudig.co.nz. It should be noted that any work within 2m of an intermediate pressure gas main will require plans to be issued, a mark out of the asset on site, and potentially require a stand-over where excavation is within the 2 metre limit. This is to ensure the health and safety of any workers within the 2m zone and ensure the integrity of Powerco’s network. Powerco’s Gashub team should be contacted to facilitate this, prior to any work in close proximity to our pipe, on ph: 0508 427 428 or by email: info@thegashub.co.nz.

3. CONCLUDING COMMENT

- 3.1 Powerco appreciates the opportunity to identify its interests in Proposed Plan Change 83. As detailed above, Powerco would like to make the council and current owners aware of the location of our gas pipe. Prior to any work in close proximity to our gas pipe, the “*Dial Before You Dig*” service should be used and for work within 2m of the pipeline, Powercos Gashub team should be contacted on ph: 0508 427 428 or by email: info@thegashub.co.nz.
- 3.2 Powerco would be pleased to discuss any of the matters raised above, and comment on any documents produced as a result of this consultation. If you have any queries or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact Simon Roche (06) 9681779.

Appendix A: Gas Assets within the Kiwi Quarry site

