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Critical Electricity Lines Overlay in the Proposed Far North District Plan

We want to make sure you are aware of proposals in the Proposed District Plan (PDP) to better protect high voltage power lines in our district. Your property has been identified as being affected by these proposals.

Key facts:

- Due to a mapping omission, the Critical Electricity Lines Overlay was not correctly identified in the Proposed District Plan notified in July.
- Your property is affected by this proposal.
- You can still share your views on this proposal.

Background

Far North District Council notified a Proposed District Plan (PDP) in July 2022. This 'notification' gave the public an opportunity to make submissions requesting changes to the PDP.

New provisions in the PDP were requested to protect the district's 100kv and 33kv powerlines from inappropriate development. These proposals were detailed in a Section 32 report released when the PDP was notified and in Infrastructure and Subdivision chapters within the plan.

Unfortunately, due to a GIS mapping omission, maps of the Critical Electricity Lines Overlay were not correctly included in the PDP when it was notified. We are writing to you now because your property has been identified as being affected by the Proposed Critical Electricity Lines Overlay and associated provisions. Due to the mapping omission, you may not be aware of this.

What happens now?

While the timeframe to make a primary submission has closed (October 2022), you still have an opportunity to make a further submission in support of or in opposition to a primary submission that the council has received. Top Energy made a primary submission requesting changes to the Critical Electricity Lines Overlay mapping.

Making a submission means you can request to participate in hearings and also allows you to appeal council decisions.

To view the PDP (as well as supporting documents e.g the Section 32 report) and a map of the intended overlay please go to pdp.fndc.govt.nz

The further submission period closes **5pm Monday, 4 September** 2023. You can email pdp@fndc.govt.nz or call **0800 920 029** and ask for the District Planning Team if you have any further questions.

Nā mātou noa, nā

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