



Unauthorised Tower Climb on Remote 220kV Transmission Tower

On 21 March 2025, two individuals were photographed near the top of a 220kV transmission tower along the Bunnythorpe–Haywards circuit, north of Nikau Valley, Kāpiti Coast.

The images were posted on a private Instagram page and received a high number of endorsements.

A Transpower employee was alerted to the post by a family member and reported the incident. The incident was reported as a Potential Level 2 (risk of fatality or permanent harm) if the individuals were to fall (from significant height) or make contact with the conductor.



A recent similar event on another provider's asset caused significant life-changing injuries to the individual.

Immediate actions

- Police were notified, and the incident has been referred to the Crime Prevention Team.
- A Transpower investigation is underway with the aim to consider how we protect and prevent members of the public from the risk of harm from climbing transmission towers.

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