



TRANSPOWER

# Te Kanapu

Name explanation



Developing a  
**future grid**  
blueprint for  
Aotearoa



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- The Lightning | The Brightness
- Drawing on the Māori poetic convention of using cosmological and natural phenomenon to name human endeavours, we can look to lightning, as the raw form of electricity, to be the primary symbol for Transpower's overall mission.
- This connection is expressed in the Transpower mōteatea Whatiwhati Te Whatitiri, which speaks about lightning being captured and put to use for the good of the people.
- The word kanapu means both 'lightning' and 'bright', 'shining' or 'glowing'.
- It speaks about the electrification, illumination and empowerment of the country, and of the bright, energised future that Te Kanapu / Future Grid will achieve.