

Submission on Notified Resource Consent

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SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

(Form 13)

Section 95A (public) Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Chief Executive
Central Otago District Council
PO Box 122
Alexandra 9340

This is a submission on the following resource consent application:

Resource Consent Number	240065
Valuation Number	2828012800
Applicant	Helios OTA Op LP
Location of Site	48 Ranfurly-Naseby Road, Ranfurly
Brief Description of Application	Land use consent to construct, operate and maintain a 300MWac solar farm
Submissions Close	19 December 2024

Writing a submission

The following will be required during this process:

- Your full name and address, telephone number and email address
- Whether you support or oppose the application for resource consent
- The reason for your submission
- The decision you wish the Council to make, including any conditions sought
- Whether you wish to be heard.

Privacy

The information you provide is official information and is used to help process your application. The information is held and used in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the Privacy Act 2020. This means that your information may be disclosed to other people who request it in accordance with the terms of these Acts. Under the Privacy Act 2020 you have the right to see and correct any personal information that Council may hold about you.

Declaration

By continuing with this application you certify that: The information you provide is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. Yes

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Notes to submitter

1. If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use [form 16B](#).

The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on which public or limited notification is given. If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.

2. You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.
3. If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in [Part 11A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. If you make a request under [section 100A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you will be liable to meet the additional costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners, compared to our hearing panel. Typically these costs range from \$3,000 - \$10,000.
5. Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):
 - it is frivolous or vexatious:
 - it discloses no reasonable or relevant case:
 - it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further:
 - it contains offensive language:

It is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a

person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

In lodging this submission, your submission, including contact details, become public information and will be available for anyone to view.

DETAILS OF SUBMITTER

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Your Application

Please select one regarding the application I oppose
Do you wish to be heard in support of this submission? No - I do not want to be heard
Are you a trade competitor for the purposes of [section 308B](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991? I am not
I would consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission Yes

Details of submission

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are: The entire thing

The submission - include:

- **whether you support or oppose the specific parts of the application or wish to have them amended; and**
- **the reasons for your views.**

I oppose this submission

This massive solar farm will be a blot on the landscape of our beautiful area

The glare is a huge concern, it has potential to make the surrounding area a quite unpleasant place to be at times of day when the sun is low in the sky

The fire risk- this is massive.

-The heat produced by refracted light can easily be enough to start a fire.

-increased fuel loading from having ungrazed or unmanaged land under the panels. This is a huge area to maintain properly and I highly doubt that it would be practical to maintain it to the required standard all the time. The "brown top" that grows on those ridges goes tinder dry in the summer. A fire on the site would be absolutely disastrous.

-Lithium batteries require considerable cooling. Should this fail due to inadequate redundancy a thermal runaway is a very possible scenario. Our local volunteer fire service are not equipped to deal with thermal

runaways. If this happened on a hot, windy day this could also lead to a very large, uncontrollable scrub fire.

This proposal, though very thoroughly thought out does have major flaws and feels like a massive cash grab. It will be a blight to the area and be derogatory to the natural beauty of the area as well as the local community surrounding it.

What is going to happen in 20 years when the panels need to be replaced? Is there a sustainable recycling/replacement scheme in place ready for this? Or are we just going to end up with a few hundred hectares of e-waste strewn over the site?

Thank you for reading my submission on this proposal

Please upload any documents / photos that are relevant

I seek the following decision from the consent authority.

Give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought I hope that the planning office rejects this application

Select below - Pursuant to [section 100A](#) of the Act, that you delegate your functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority. "See note 4 (second tab) as you may incur costs relating to this request." I do not request

Any other comments?

I hope that the planning office sees this plan for what it really is, and does the right thing for the community by opposing it

In lodging this submission, I understand that my submission, including contact details, are considered public information, and will be made available and published as part of this process.

Yes

Please sign (click on the words CAPTURE)



Date signed:

03/12/2024