

# Submission on Notified Resource Consent PL241226969

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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:

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

## Notified Submission

## 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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**Contact person (if applicable)**  
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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** No

## Details of submission

**The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:** The location of solar panels and batteries  
Environmental Impact - Soil/Bloom/Air Quality (if a fire occurred)  
Risk of Fire (we already have issues with fire risk in Summer)  
Pollution and Toxins leeching into the ground  
Community Impacts - House prices, Reduced Visitors, Scenery  
Safety of the road - Glare  
Back up plan if there is a fire and resources to fight a fire  
Outside of the building code - Spoiling the iconic landscape (all houses have to have a colour code) This structure does not fit within the natural landscape  
**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.

Please take the following comments all as opposition to this consent.  
The location chosen is within the town, just as you drive into the area - this deters visitors as it will be such an eyesore. As a community we have put time, money and effort over many years to make and keep the town looking welcoming and bright and this will take away all that hard work and likely deter visitors from stopping. This will impact businesses and many will drive on through to Palmerston rather than be near the potential risk factors.

Environmental Impact - Soil/Bloom/Air Quality (if a fire occurred)

This will create a "solar heat Island effect" because it will raise the temperature of everything surrounding the panels. This will affect the soil as it will be environmentally detrimental and there is not enough long term information to know what impact that the the toxins that could leak, would have.

Risk of Fire (we already have issues with fire risk in Summer) having such a volatile and unknown risk with these panels is very unsettling. We are in drought conditions most summers, and with this there are additional risks and we do not have the people here to fight a fire of this magnitude if it were to break out. Our Volunteer Fire Brigade already work tirelessly to protect our community and if fire does break out they will need to monitor it because there is nothing can be done to fight the fire from the batteries/panels. The community would need to abandon the town and likely the town would be destroyed.

Insurance - Risk factors are taken into account and this is a risk factor that we have no control over, likely to drive up the price of our premiums

Community Impacts - House prices, Reduced Visitors, Scenery

The community will all be affected by this with reduced visitors, impacting the businesses. House prices will fall as new residents will be put off by the panels. The scenery of the area will not be the same and regardless of how many trees are planted you will still be able to see the panels from different locations and look out points due to the size of the panels/batteries

Safety of the road - Glare

This is concerning as there are already locations around the place where sunstrike is concerning at certain times of day. Due to the locals and tourists driving through central travelling that road, it is concerning the risk of Glare and sunstrike from these panels

Back up plan if there is a fire and resources to fight a fire  
There is no plan for what happens if there is a fire - There is nothing that can be done to fight this and the community would not likely be able to get out of town quick enough. You are putting people at risk by allowing this consent to go ahead.

Outside of the building code - It will spoil the iconic Central Otago Landscape - This structure does not fit.

Nightsky - The new Dark Sky Precinct (DSP) covers the

Naseby Township and surrounding area. What will the impact be on this - a new community initiative to drive visitors numbers. We will we loose this and therefore another family and business who will need to move on.

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 oppose this going ahead in any capacity at all

Select below - Pursuant to [section 100A](#) of the Act, that I request 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."

**Any other comments?**

I request my comments be read and considered

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:

15/12/2024