

Submission on Notified Resource Consent PL241227710

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Notified Submission

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

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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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:	Full moon reflection; Fire and toxic smoke; Dismantling and safe disposal of all equipment when required; Who will oversee the full project so that resource conditions are followed
The submission - include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">whether you support or oppose the specific parts of the application or wish to have them amended; andthe reasons for your views.	Although I oppose the complete scheme I can only object to specific parts which I consider I have an informed and unbiased knowledge of
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I seek the following decision from the consent authority.

<i>Give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought</i>	Resource permission not granted for full construction of the proposed solar farm due to dangers and poor site identification
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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
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Any other comments?	The proposed solar farm makes a joke of the CODC slogan, 'A Timeless Land,' for the Maniototo
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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)

Harrison

Date signed:

16/12/2024

SOLAR PANEL FARM CONSENT APPEAL

FULL MOON REFLECTIVE GLARE EFFECT ON NIGHT SKY CERTIFICATION

During the last five years Naseby has been campaigning for an International Dark Sky certification and, following many adjustments, have almost gained that recognition. However with the proposed solar farm this may be in jeopardy due to the reflective glare from the panels during full moon periods.

With the clear skies of the Maniototo the full moon can be very bright, sometimes light enough to actually work outside safely with no additional light. The panels will be fully visible from the night sky observation site on the Buster Road.

Research and clarification about the effects of full moon reflective glare needs to be conducted therefore the resource consent should not be granted.

FIRE DANGER and SMOKE SPREAD

Although Lithium batteries do not spontaneously combust on a regular basis they are prone to, and the more batteries there are the higher the possibility this will occur. This type of fire is impossible to extinguish and the resulting smoke cloud contains several life threatening chemicals to humans and all other living things. People can either flee, fast, or shut themselves indoors with all windows and doors closed, animals would be fully exposed to this life threatening smoke from which there is no escape for them therefore deaths would occur.

It is with this possibility of a fire within the solar panels and wider range chemical damage that resource consent should not be granted.

DISMANTELING and DISPOSING OF SOLAR PANELS and EQUIPMENT

The solar panels are meant to have a working life span of twenty years, Helios probably does not with the Ranfurly scheme, they will sell the farm on sometime in the future. Government Legislation is seriously lagging behind for Solar Farm regulations and without that Helios, or another company, could not be forced to be held responsible for dismantling the panels and all other equipment when the time comes to do so. Therefore the land owner would be held responsible to do so which would be a massive expense.

It is due to the strong possibility the land owners, sometime in the future, would be liable to dismantle and dispose of the solar panels and other equipment that I request consent should not be granted.

SUPERVISION OF CONSTRUCTION

A CODC Building Inspector oversees the construction of buildings to ensure they are built to Council regulations; how does the CODC intend to oversee the construction of the Solar Farm, if permission is granted, to ensure it is built to within the plans as set out by Helios?

Hazel Harrison, Naseby