

Submission on Notified
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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

Full name	Gavin James Crossan
Contact person (if applicable)	Gavin James Crossan
Electronic address for service of submitter:	g.crossan@xtra.co.nz
Phone number - day time	0273106858
Postal address (or alternative method of service under section 352 of the Act):	366 Ranfurly Back Rd, RD2, Ranfurly 9396.

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:	My name is Gavin Crossan, I live at 366 Ranfurly Back Rd, referred to in this application as Dwelling 4.
The submission - include:	I oppose this application very strongly.
<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.	Nothing in this application could ever mitigate the view that myself and my family will get from our farm house. We will look across 5km of glass, all day, every day. I have lived in this house all of my life and I have enjoyed the view of our farm land from our house for all that time. Helios have in their application that we could plant a hedge along our front fence of 1.8-2.4m high to mitigate our view of their industrial complex. This is not a suitable solution at all. Our view of our farmland will be lost and I don't want to look at a hedge. I have concerns regarding the glint and glare on our Ranfurly Back Rd. Helios in their plan have admitted that there will be times of glare to road users on this road but in their opinion its not a very busy road so thats OK. Our teenage sons who are quite new to driving may well be affected by this and that worries me alot. I have major concerns regarding the BESS. These batteries are well proven to go on fire and the likelihood of there being a fire at this indutrial complex is very high. I am concerned about the spread of fire due to high vegetation and their proposed plantings that will only add fuel to the fire.

I have concerns regarding the toxic plume that will be generated by the fire. I can evacuate my family but what about our 4500 stock units, is it OK for them to die of toxic inhalation?

I have concerns regarding the noise pollution. I do not believe that driving steel posts into the ground in Central Otago will meet the noise levels required by Council nor will the sound from the transformers. The owners of the new gold mine at Millers Flat were made to bund their whole site to mitigate the sound, are the Central Otago District Council going to follow suit and make this a condition to Helios?

I have major concerns regarding the leaching of chemicals into the water table. There is no requirement to bund the BESS, and there is nothing in the proposal that deals with the chemicals that leach into the water table when solar panels are broken. The water table under this proposal runs through our property on the bottom boundary of this industrial complex and the same water table runs down to the new bore holes that both CODC and Otago Regional Council have drilled and capped for potential water supply to Ranfurly township. I have concerns regarding a drop in our property value given that we are right beside an industrial complex in a farming area.

I have concerns for our increase in insurance policies due to us having to take out more liability insurance being on the boundary of a large industrial complex.

This proposal will change the character of the Maniototo and that can not be mitigated.

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 ask that the Central Otago District Council decline 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?

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:

16/12/2024