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SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

(Form 13)

Section 95A Resource Management Act 1991

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This is a submission on the following resource consent application: RC No: **240065**

Applicant: **Helios OTA Op LP Valuation No: 2828012800**

Location of Site: **48 Ranfurly-Naseby Road**

Brief Description of Application: **Land Use Consent to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Solar Farm (Maniatoto Plain Solar Farm) being a Renewable Electricity Generation Activity in a Rural Resource Area.**



The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:
(give details, attach on separate page if necessary)

all of it

This submission is: (attach on separate page if necessary)

Include:

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

attached

I/We seek the following decision from the consent authority:
(give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought)

It is rejected

I **support/oppose** the application OR neither support or oppose (select one)

I **wish / do not wish** to be heard in support of this submission (select one)

I am/am not* a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991 (select one)

*I/We am/am not (select one) directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

(a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

~~*Delete this paragraph if you are not a trade competitor.~~

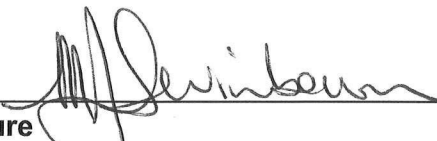
I oppose the submission in its entirety because:-

1. The scale is out of context with a normal rural operation. It would be a large industrial complex in any setting. Grazing sheep underneath panels doesn't make it a farm.
2. The associated infrastructure, especially BESS, carries significant risk of fire and contamination that would linger for generations.
3. The site is highly visible from the approach to Naseby and the Central Otago Touring Route.
4. The effects of reflection are unknown, the glint and glare research is based on existing topography which will be altered during construction. How can this be reliable? And what steps would be taken if issues arose after construction? It doesn't fully address night time reflection and puts our hard-won Dark Skies progress at serious risk. Even the perception that we do not protect the night sky is enough to derail the accreditation. This would be devastating after the adjacent Naseby community has put eight years effort into the application.
5. When it is 'retired', the site could never be repatriated fully due to the volume and nature of materials. Some of these are highly toxic and will never break down.
6. Its in the wrong place. Maniototo already generates enough electricity locally to meet its needs, plus some. It simply does not need this. Why not construct it closer to the market users? And limit transmission losses?

~~*I/We will consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission-~~

**Delete this paragraph if not applicable.*

I ~~request~~/do not request (select one), 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 below as you may incur costs relating to this request."



Signature

16-12-24

Date

(to be signed by submitter or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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.

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.