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SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

RC240065 – Submission on Application by Helios Op LP to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Solar Farm in the Rural Resource Area at 48 Ranfurly-Naseby Road

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I have been a resident in Naseby for 6 years. I have major concerns with the proposed solar farm here at 48 Ranfurly-Naseby Road.

My primary concern is the fire risk posed by so many lithium-ion batteries that will be stored on site. The fire risk to the area and the forested township of Naseby is not insignificant and this area is **already vulnerable to fire**, especially considering the often dry and windy conditions.

My secondary concern is the risk of contamination of farmland and waterways from the aforementioned batteries.

Thirdly, the sight of over half a million solar panels greeting visitors on the approach road into Naseby will be off-putting to many people and is not in keeping with the pristine environment of the Maniototo. It will be a significant scar on the landscape.

In addition, the Maniototo stands to gain none of the energy benefits this installation is expected to deliver – it is my understanding that all of the power is going to the North Island. Wouldn't it be best to construct this monstrosity there, where it is needed?

I strongly oppose this application and request Council to deny granting this resource consent.

Yours sincerely,

Hazel Holway