

Submission on Notified  
Resource Consent  
PL241235401

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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.

## Important information so you don't lose your data

If you wish to take some time completing this form, we strongly recommend that you **create a [login](#) and log in to your account prior to starting to complete the form**. This gives you the ability to save a draft and return to it later.

If you are a club or organisation, please use an email that is associated with the club rather than your work or personal email.

Logging in before starting to enter information into the form also means you won't lose your information if the form times out, or if you accidentally navigate away from the screen you're working on.

You cannot save your information and return to it later unless you log in before you start the form.

Regardless whether you are logged in, once you have completed and submitted the form, you will receive a copy of your submission to the email address you specify in the form.

Either go to our [Online Services](#) page to create an account (or log in if you already have an account) or continue below to start without logging in.

## 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

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Contact person (if applicable)	
Electronic address for service of submitter:	dmlucas00@gmail.com
Phone number - day time	0273176433
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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 <a href="#">section 308B</a> 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:	General proposal as not being for the good of new Zealanders is my main objection Increased workforce locally
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**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.**

Effects from the construction - piling, batteries  
Decommissioning plans and aesthetics  
Environmental impact - risk from fire, effects on waterways and wetlands and native flora  
Effects on local property prices etc due to the location in relation to Naseby

Risk to Naseby application for dark sky

The overall general proposal - I object to overseas investors profiting from exorbitant energy prices rather than helping struggling kiwis reduce their energy costs and this is the mainstay of my objection. In addition the electricity generation is not even for local use in Otago or even the South Island but is needed in the North Island and the amount generated increased if it did not require to be transported to the North Island which is where it is needed - so the location seems wrong in addition to my other objections. In addition the site is extremely large, yet the amount of power to be generated will not contribute significantly to the overall grid in terms of what is needed which makes it high risk low benefit. I also oppose due to the large numbers of batteries now being proposed as opposed to just generating the power and adding it to the grid, seems to be more to do with waiting to sell electricity at times of high price and not in New Zealanders best interests as it is more about profit making.

I oppose on the basis of the proposed increased workforce - there is no detail of where the workforce will come from, where they will be housed and how we manage this influx locally. There will be no ongoing benefits to the local community once the farm is built either as it will be mainly managed off site.

Construction - Piling causes a lot of vibration and noise and there is a large amount to be done which could be disruptive and for some distances so I oppose to this. Plus the increased heavy loads on our rural roads may have local costs which will be funded by the tax payer.

Decommissioning plans and aesthetics. I also oppose due to the unsightly nature of the proposal and the lack of detailed clarity about mitigating this especially if for any reason the solar farm fails and Helios walk away leaving everything behind which they can do and we have seen overseas as companies declare bankruptcy and walk off...who is then going to decommission things or complete the planting etc needed to hide the site as it is an extremely large venture.

I oppose on the basis of the environmental impact - risk from fire which is almost impossible to be put out in an area that is already at high fire risk, also that we are reliant on volunteer firefighters not expert paid fire fighters with lots of access and gear and again funded by locals. In addition the effects on waterways and wetlands and native flora from the construction and also a risk from any leakage from the various batteries and inverters etc. If it was to go ahead we would need very specific

details on how this would be managed in case of "failure, "fires' etc  
The road to Naseby being alongside the farm will be off putting to people who might otherwise visit the township and effect local businesses and also may affect house prices and sales  
The dark sky application Naseby has been working on may well be affected due to the reflection on moonlit nights. This again may affect our tourism and local satisfaction with our township  
Overall I wish to oppose the whole proposal and if it is to go ahead ask for a lot more clarity on exactly how the concerns I have will be mitigated and funded and how Helios be held accountable.

**Please upload any documents / photos that are relevant**

**I seek the following decision from the consent authority.**

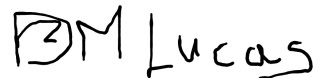
***Give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought*** That the solar farm proposal be declined by the council

**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:** 19/12/2024