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SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

(Form 13)

Section 95A Resource Management Act 1991

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DETAILS OF SUBMITTER

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Naseby

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)

The visual aspect of the solar panels
will effect the night sky of Naseby

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.

I oppose the whole application.
We have enough power generation for South Island
Power generation is needed in North Island - Build it
in the North Island.

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

To decline this application

~~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.



*1/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

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

Date

16-12-2024

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.

Fire main concern with solar farm

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Nearly 150 people crowded into the rugby clubrooms in Ranfurly on Monday night to discuss a proposal from Helios to build a 660ha solar farm between the town and Naseby.

Former Delta employee and whistle-blower Richard Healey was invited to speak by meeting organisers Nigel and Rose Voice, who live next to the farmland which would be home to the solar farm if resource consent was granted.

Mr Healey said he was not opposed to solar power, but there was a huge difference

between domestic or community solar generation and utility company size production, he said.

There would be 32 shipping container-sized lithium-ion battery stores and enough solar panels that, if laid end-to-end, they would reach from Ranfurly into the ocean beyond Cape Reinga, Mr Healey said.

Fire was a major concern due to the gases given off. There was no time to retreat if there was a fire. Making their home as airtight as possible and sheltering in place was all people could do. However, stock did not have that option.

Battery storage seemed to be

the main purpose of the site. The company could store solar energy through the day and sell it in the evening, recharge the batteries overnight at minimal cost then sell that energy back to the grid at peak time in the morning, he said.

Construction would involve 10,000 metal stakes being driven 2m deep into the ground for mounting the panels.

Glint and glare from the panels was contentious but it was possible moonlight reflecting from them could affect the Naseby dark sky status, Mr Healey said.

Several people said the time to make submissions on the

resource consent to the Central Otago District Council was too short.

Central Otago Mayor Tamah Alley said the closing date was fixed by when Helios lodged its application.

Mr Healey said he believed it was deliberate and Helios were counting on people having "a million things to do" at this time of the year.

Ida Valley resident Jenny Grimmett, a planning consultant, offered to work for free for any resident unsure about making a submission to the council.

Maniototo community board member Stu Duncan said issues

like the solar farm could divide communities.

"It would be an awful thing to drag such a great wee community apart."

He offered to meet anyone to discuss their concerns.

"It has been discussed deeply at council," he said.

Only one in the audience owned up to being in favour of the project and he said it would be on his brother's farm.

He urged people to do their research and not be emotional about it.

"Do your research and use your right to submit. [The company] probably don't want a fire either."

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