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Dear Sir/Madam

FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR RC 240065

Location: 48 RANFURLY-NASEBY ROAD

Proposal: LAND USE CONSENT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A SOLAR FARM (MANIATOTO PLAIN SOLAR FARM) BEING A POWER GENERATION FACILITY IN THE RURAL RESOURCE AREA.

The application has been reviewed and has been found to require further information.

Please forward the following information/material at your earliest convenience:

- A description of what farm infrastructure is proposed to be removed and what is proposed to remain. The removal of farm infrastructure has implications for the ability of the underlying land to continue to be used productively if infrastructure necessary to support that productive use will be removed.
- A description of what works, if known, will be required within the Naseby Substation to connect the proposed facility to the wider transmission network.
- Approximately what area of earthworks are proposed to be undertaken at any given time? The amount of land exposed at a given time will impact on the measures needed for erosion, sediment and dust control.
- The hazardous substances assessment assumes dimethyl carbonate is a Class 3B liquid in terms of Schedule 19.4 (Flash point between 23-61°C). Dimethyl carbonate has a flash point closer to 18°C ([https://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.display?p_card_id=1080&p_version=2&p_lang=en#:~:text=Flash%20point%3A%2018%C2%B0C%20o.c.\)](https://www.ilo.org/dyn/icsc/showcard.display?p_card_id=1080&p_version=2&p_lang=en#:~:text=Flash%20point%3A%2018%C2%B0C%20o.c.)) or 16°C (<https://www.epa.govt.nz/database-search/chemical-classification-and-information-database-ccid/view/09BA67CC-2134-47DE-9372-112809D185B0>, Sigma-Aldrich Safety Data Sheet attached as Appendix C), making it Class 3A under the Schedule. Please provide an updated hazardous substances assessment factoring in this higher risk classification and lower permitted volumes for on-site storage.
- Page 4 of the glint and glare report indicates that "international best practice" indicates that local roads do not usually require mitigation of glare. Please provide copies of or links to the best practice referred to in this statement, noting that the ITP Glint and Glare assessment indicates that there will likely be notable instances of glare for users of nearby roads.
- Please outline the differences between "Maintained exotic shelter belt planting" and "exotic shelter belt planting" at Pages 230-231 of the application (Graphic Supplement Figures 5C and 5D), including where one will be used over the other as part of

landscape mitigation. The Landscape Mitigation Plan (Graphic Supplement Figure 5A) only shows the latter being used.

- Please confirm whether the applicant intends to implement changes to the rest angle of the proposed arrays based on the assessment in section 3.4.2 of the ITP Glint and Glare assessment.
- Not all of the landscaping proposed to mitigate glare shown in Figure 13 is proposed on other landscaping plans (For example Graphic Supplement Figure 5A). Please provide either an updated assessment of glare effects to factor in this vegetation that does not appear to be being proposed or an updated landscaping plan showing all recommended screen plantings.
- Council intends to bundle all parts of the proposal, including the proposed 220kV transmission line between the facility and the Naseby Substation. The construction of a new transmission line would not occur without the proposed solar farm, so their effects are intrinsically connected. The applicant has sought to unbundle the transmission line from the proposal. The applicant is invited to update their assessments as they see fit to consider the effects of the proposed new 220kV transmission line.

Pursuant to Section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991, processing of the application will be suspended until the information is received.

Responding to this request:

Within 15 working days from the receipt of this letter you must either:

- Provide the requested information; or
- Provide written confirmation that you cannot provide the requested information within the time frame, but do intend to provide it; or
- Provide written confirmation that you do not agree to provide the requested information.

The processing of your application has been put on hold from 22 April 2024

If you cannot provide the requested information within this timeframe, but do intend to provide it, then please provide:

- Written confirmation that you can provide it,
- The likely date that you will be able to provide it by, and
- Any constraints that you may have on not being able to provide it within the set time frame.

The Council will then set a revised time frame for the information to be provided.

If you do not agree to provide the requested information, then please provide written confirmation of this to the Council. You may also choose to object to providing the information under s357 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Restarting the processing of your application

The processing of your application will restart:

- When all of the above requested information is received (if received within 15 working days from the date of this letter), or
- From the revised date for the requested information to be provided, if you have provided written confirmation that you are unable to provide by the original date.

- From the date that you have provided written confirmation that you do not agree to providing the requested information, or
- 15 working days from the date of this letter (if you have not provided the requested information or written confirmation), at which time the application will be publicly notified.

Once the processing of the application restarts:

If you have not provided the requested information then your application will continue to be processed and determined on the basis of the information that you have provided with the application. The Council may decline the application on the basis of insufficient information.

If you have provided all the requested information, then we will consider its adequacy and make a decision on whether your application requires notification or limited notification, or, whether any parties are considered adversely affected from whom you will need to obtain written approval in order for the proposal to be considered on a non-notified basis.

If the application is to be notified, you will be advised within ten working days of our receiving your further information.

Please do not hesitate to contact the writer on (03) 4400056 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the above request or the further processing of the application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully



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