

# Submission on Notified 17 Resource Consent PL241213195



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### Notified Submission

## 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.

## 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

## Notified Submission

## 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

Full name	Matt Davis
Contact person (if applicable)	Matt Davis
Electronic address for service of submitter:	stealthkiwi@hotmail.com
Phone number - day time	0273489465
Postal address (or alternative method of service under <a href="#">section 352</a> of the Act):	19 Knowles crescent Ranfurly

## 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:	Hi CODC,  I appose the entirety of the plan for this solar farm for the following reasons.  The location is between 2 remote towns (Ranfurly and Naseby) which will be an enormous amount of visual pollution to our area. The Maniototo is known for its wide open plains and stunning views, this solar farm will stick out like a sore thumb.  The plan to plant trees to hide it all is of course a great idea, however none will be of adequate height for at least ten + years, in the meantime the farm will be an eyesore to all who pass it.  The next item is the inherent risk to the water table due to a battery flame out, the risk to local communities and the water table is high. Yes the chances of this happening is low, but not impossible, it has happened before and will happen again. With that, our local fire brigade is inadequate to combat such a situation should it arise.  The next item is the company Helios itself, founded in 2020, while they have a 35 year lease, the chances that
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The next point is what benefit does the local community gain from having this enormous farm? It gets none, it's operated remotely, employs no one local, locals gain no reduction in power costs, etc etc. we just get to look at an enormous eye sore when travelling around our local area while some north island company reaps all the profits from destroying the natural beauty of our landscape.

While I am not against solar farms in general, they certainly can have their place, in this instance, the location chosen is a poor one, and while I'm sure the council will be gaining something from this endeavour, as well as the property owner and of course Helios, it's contributes zero to the 2 local communities stuck at either end of the solar farm. Additional impact, may in turn, further reduce local property prices as well, and in the instance of a battery flame out, cause incredible damage to the health and wellbeing of locals.

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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.**

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**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***

I request this consent to not go ahead. The location of this farm is not a well thought out one and will provide zero benefit to two local communities all the while impacting the beauty of the area in which we live.

**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?**

I do believe there has been a distinct lack of communication around this plan to the local community, the reasons for this I feel has been deliberate in order to keep it quiet and rush it through. We as a community have been given little time to consider the impact of this plan on our area

**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)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. H. O. 2'.

Date signed:

07/12/2024