

Submission on Notified Resource Consent PL241221291



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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:

Resource Consent Number	240065
Valuation Number	2828012800
Applicant	Helios OTA Op LP
Location of Site	48 Ranfurly-Naseby Road, Ranfurly
Brief Description of Application	Land use consent to construct, operate and maintain a 300MWac solar farm
Submissions Close	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

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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

Full name Shona Harrison
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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 [section 308B](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991? I am not
I would consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission No

Details of submission

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:

1. No long term benefit to local Community
2. More information required if the glare from the panels will affect Naseby Night Sky status
3. What procedures are in place if there is a fire
4. Noise pollution
5. Visual pollution - Maniototo is promoted as a "timeless landscape"
6. What procedures are in place for extreme weather events and if any damage to Solar panels what leaching of chemicals into the ground may occur
7. What policies and procedures are in place to ensure there is no water pollution

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.**

I oppose the current application for proposed Solar Farm. The environmental impact and impact on surrounding areas for such a proposed large-scale operation needs to be investigated further.

1. Solar operation will be operated remotely, once established, there is no local employment opportunities available, therefore no benefit to the local community
2. Panels will have light glare in the evening/night time, how does this affect the current Naseby Night Sky status - a report on night time lumination needs to be presented to CODC and Naseby Vision indicating how the Solar Farm will affect Dark Sky Precinct
3. The Solar operation is within close proximity to Naseby

Forest, if there is a fire and it spreads into the Forest the result will be catastrophic for the Naseby Forest and the Township of Naseby - has a Fire and Risk prevention document been presented to Earnslaw One or the Local Fire Brigade for approval, is there an evacuation plan in place should a fire occur, not only for the fire but also for toxic fumes? Are there Fire Suppression units fitted on Inverters or Transformers?

4. Does the noise (Db Rating) from the full amount of proposed 73 Invertors and 90 Transformers comply to CODC regulation

5. Maniototo has been promoted by CODC as a "Timeless Landscape" if there is a 680 hectare Solar Farm this is creating a significant visual landscape change - visual pollution in a landscape promoted Nationally and Internationally for the uninhibited views of rolling land and Mountain ranges

6. The proposed site is within direct vicinity of Town supply of Water/water table, if there was any damage to the Panels from weather event (eg: Hail Storm, debris hitting panels from Nor Westerly winds which can get up to 150kmph in this area), there is a high risk of direct irreversible damage of chemicals leaching into surrounding water supply, earth and air - what measures are in place to prevent chemicals leaching into earth, water tables & air?

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 would like to be informed of the outcome of the hearing for the decision on whether or not the building of the Solar Farm will proceed.

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:

12/12/2024