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SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

(Form 13)

Section 95A Resource Management Act 1991

To: The Chief Executive
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DETAILS OF SUBMITTER

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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)

I oppose resource consent for any solar farm
and battery storage.

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.

• environmental damage • unrealistic planting proposal
• fire risk • property devaluing
• noise pollution
• glare

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

To deny the application completely

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.~~

I am affected by the proposal.



~~*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."

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

12-12-24
Date

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.

I oppose any solar farm and battery storage in the Maniototo. My reasons for this are as follows;

1. The pollution of soil, water and air is my greatest concern. Once it is damaged, and/or contaminated, it's done. There is no going back. It can't be fixed if lead and cadmium are in the soil, water, and any explosion or fire will give off toxic gases. It can ruin our health, and not just our health but people in our entire community and also the animals, insects, and birds. It could wipe out farms and livelihoods.
2. Fire risk. We live in a hot arid basin where we get strong winds, extreme temperatures of hot and cold and high risk of uncontrolled grass fires. They happen every year and our small volunteer fire brigade and our remoteness means we do not have the resources to stop a potential and realistic catastrophe if there is a fire.
3. The noise will drive me batty. The fans needed to cool the batteries will produce noise, the construction putting all the steel posts in the ground will thump through the earth. Our retirement will be shattered. I have lived here for 78 years. It is my home and community and I do not want to see it ruined.
4. Any glare for drivers in the Maniototo and on any roads is not good enough. One person affected is too many. The affect on families, community, fire brigade, St Johns, cannot be measured by money or numbers. It won't bring anybody back if killed or maimed.
5. I have lived here a long time. Natives have not historically grown well here. Trees take **decades** to become established here in this environment and require a great deal of helping along and care and plenty of water. Many die even with the best of intentions because of the weather conditions here. Wind, dry, snow, extreme heat and cold.
6. Our property is likely to lose its value if this goes ahead. Not just for the neighbouring properties of the proposed solar farm but everyone's in Naseby, Ranfurly, the whole basin will be affected. I have spent a lifetime contributing to this place. It's a rural area with rural values and community. To see it destroyed in this way, well I cannot bear it.

Wendy Kearney

12.12.24