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SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

RC240065 – Submission on Application by Helios Op LP to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Solar Farm in the Rural Resource Area at 48 Ranfurly-Naseby Road

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For approximately 8 years Naseby has been seeking dark sky community accreditation with Dark Sky International. We are now over the final hurdle before submitting our final application and, if successful, accreditation will demonstrate Naseby's commitment to protecting our pristine dark night skies, free of light pollution. Success of the solar farm installation would almost certainly result in the rejection of our application.

What the actual impact of the installation will be is one issue, but of equal concern is the perceived impact by visitors wishing to visit a dark sky community only to be greeted with over half a million solar panels. This perceived impact alone will have a detrimental effect on the increased number of visitors the accreditation is expected to attract.

In addition, it is my understanding that the Maniototo will receive no energy benefits from this installation, which will be a scar on the Maniototo landscape.

I strongly oppose this application and wish the Council to decline this application.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Bishop
(Naseby Night Sky Tours)