

Submission on Notified
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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

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Your Application

Please select one regarding the application I neither support or 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: The length of time for plantings to be effective, the glint and glare, construction noise and vibration, fire risk and community safety.

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 neither support or oppose the document I want the council to make the right decision with proper information on the health and safety of everyone in our community

[Solar submission.doc](#) (16 kb)

I seek the following decision from the consent authority.

Give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought The correct decision for the community.


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 Yes

published as part of this process.

Please sign (click on the words CAPTURE)

Handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G M Bartor".

Date signed:

16/12/2024

1. **The workforce constructing the project.**

Are these skilled persons involved in all areas of this project, especially all electric and battery and inverter installation?

The noise and vibration of the site. The Maniototo is a very silent landscape. Noise carries a very long way here, you can hear animals from kilometres away.

How dusty is the construction going to be? We are in a very dry area prone to strong winds.

Pile driving for the stands to sit the panels on will be on-going which will be very stressful for any close neighbours.

And why are the inverters pale grey? Our landscape is gold, not grey.

2. **Tree Planting.**

The visual effects of the site are to be screened by tree planting which won't be effective for at least 5 years. The problems caused by the lack of screening are likely to be substantial.

3. **Glint and Glare**

The Glare report states that there will be 30 minutes a day in winter for drivers on the Ranfurly Back Road that will affect safety. It will take at least 5 years to make that safer as the trees grow which is too long to have public lives at risk. Is the project going to affect Naseby's Dark Sky status with moonlight reflecting off the panels at night?

4. **Fire Risk.**

As the site is being operated remotely how safe is the technology in terms of lightning strikes, earthquakes, equipment malfunction resulting in fires etc.? Our small communities are serviced by volunteer fire and ambulance services. Will these volunteers have the appropriate training and equipment they need to cope with a fire? As you know we are in a very remote part of Otago. Are the toxic fumes from battery fires a community danger? And how much contaminants will leach into our soil and water table?

5. **What are the benefits for our local community?**

All of the power produced appears to be going to the North Island. There will undoubtedly be a lot of disharmony in our community.