

Submission on Notified
Resource Consent
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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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Contact person (if applicable)	Heather Dowling
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Postal address (or alternative method of service under section 352 of the Act):	321 Allison Lane Ranfurly, Central Otago 9395

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	Yes

Details of submission

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:	The implementation of a Solar Farm in the Maniototo Area. - The visual impact it will have from a public road. - The risk of fire to the environment and fire fighters of our area. - The impact on tourism in our area. - The impact on our community and house prices in the future.
The submission - include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 implementation of a Solar Farm in the Maniototo. - The Maniototo is a popular tourist destination based on its clean, untouched environment. This would be marred by the installation of a Solar Farm that can be seen from a main road heading to Naseby. It would not only be an eye sore that will not be hidden by trees during the 25 year installation and usage phase but also provide glare for drivers which could be highly dangerous. - The use of batteries on the Solar Farm which are highly flammable is very dangerous and would put our firefighters at risk and the locals and wildlife. It would be projected to burn for a week or more with no ability to put out the fire with highly toxic smoke plumes. - The Maniototo is known for its Rail Trail, which brings in the bulk of our Tourism each year. This is likely to drop, as people won't be visiting an area of untouched farmland.

- The power is not being generated for our area and loses 30% of its generation by moving it to the North Island - therefore it should be put in the North Island. I understand that the government wants to fast track these projects, but it shouldn't be in our backyard when we already produce the bulk of power through the south island anyway.
- I don't oppose people using or altering their land for their own gains, but ultimately the size and scale of this proposal is quite scary.
- If the Solar Farm went ahead - where will it stop? Will more and more farms get them?

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 seek that the Council opposes this submission on the grounds that it could potentially harm a small 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 published as part of this process.

Yes

Please sign (click on the words CAPTURE)



Date signed:

16/12/2024