



SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED APPLICATION CONCERNING RESOURCE CONSENT

(Form 13)

Section 95A Resource Management Act 1991

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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)

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.

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

That the application be rejected in full.

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/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."



Signature

17/12/2024

Date

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

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.

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I am totally opposed to the building of a Solar Farm by Helios at 48 Ranfurly-Naseby Road.

On the CODC's own website it states:" If it feels like you are driving through a painting, it is because you are. The Mānīatoto is one of New Zealand's unparalleled places — a vast, soulful plain fringed by craggy, tussock-clad hills and sturdy mountain ranges. Big blue skies by day become incredible dark skies by night. Naseby residents know this for a fact – they've been taking scientific readings and their night skies are up there with the best" . **How does a huge scale Solar Farm fit into this picture ?** If this project is allowed to go ahead it will destroy all the natural landscape the CODC is promoting.

I am also very concerned about the glare from the Solar panels and also the fire risk from so many storage batteries. It has been proven that if these batteries go on fire they are extremely difficult to extinguish.

Solar panels undamaged do not pose much of a negative impact on the environment while intact and undamaged, what guarantees are there that while installing 550810 solar panels none are going to be damaged or broken during installation? With such a large number to install it would seem inevitable that some will be where damaged thus leaching toxic chemicals into the soil.

There has also no plan for what happens to the Solar Panels when the Solar Farm comes to the end of its productive life.

Currently, about 90% of end-of-life or defective solar panels also end up in landfills, largely because it costs far less to dump them than to recycle them.

Let them build their Solar Farm where the power is needed and not take advantage of a small community that will see little or no benefit from this installation.