

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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Contact person (if applicable)	Sarah Anderson
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Your Application

Please select one regarding the application	I oppose
Do you wish to be heard in support of this submission?	Yes - I wish 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: All of it - particularly Section 5. It seems the project has become more about battery storage to play the NZ energy market & not about renewable energy. It is completely unacceptable to allow Helios to claim that Best Practices will be followed & All Current Regulations adhered to when New Zealand has not seen anything like this & there are no regulations in place to manage it since it is new technology & at a scale that has not seen much success overseas.

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 oppose this project.
The scale of this project will have massive effects on the area. It's simply too large for the Maniatoto. It is not about renewable energy, it is a utility station designed to store cheap South Island energy to send to the North Island to make money. Proposed mitigation is inadequate, unrealistic & vague. No accountability for decommissioning or even to ensure any of the environmental mitigation actually occurs. Where is the bond? Why shouldn't these companies be held to their vague assurances?
Grazing is not compatible. Stop allowing Helios to greenwash the project. There are numerous hazardous risks such as fire concerns regarding the BESS components (which are not even specified - What sort of batteries are they? What sort of transformers?) What is

the real feasibility of the underground cable to the Naseby substation? What about toxic waste at the end of the projects life?

What about noise from transformers, the Glint & Glare potential? (Thats a completely inadequate study that is referred to).

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

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."

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.

Please sign (click on the words CAPTURE)

Date signed:

Please stop this type of utility scale generation from happening in the Maniatoto.

I do not request

I am a supporter of distributed & renewable energy & recently installed PV on my home. This massive project has no place here & a very few people becoming wealthy are not worth the potential risks to the community & the environment should it happen.

Yes



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