

# Submission on Notified Resource Consent PL241235304

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### Notified Submission

## 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:

<b>Resource Consent Number</b>	240065
<b>Valuation Number</b>	2828012800
<b>Applicant</b>	Helios OTA Op LP
<b>Location of Site</b>	48 Ranfurly-Naseby Road, Ranfurly
<b>Brief Description of Application</b>	Land use consent to construct, operate and maintain a 300MWac solar farm
<b>Submissions Close</b>	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.

## Important information so you don't lose your data

If you wish to take some time completing this form, we strongly recommend that you **create a [login](#) and log in to your account prior to starting to complete the form**. This gives you the ability to save a draft and return to it later.

If you are a club or organisation, please use an email that is associated with the club rather than your work or personal email.

Logging in before starting to enter information into the form also means you won't lose your information if the form times out, or if you accidentally navigate away from the screen you're working on.

You cannot save your information and return to it later unless you log in before you start the form.

Regardless whether you are logged in, once you have completed and submitted the form, you will receive a copy of your submission to the email address you specify in the form.

Either go to our [Online Services](#) page to create an account (or log in if you already have an account) or continue below to start without logging in.

## 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)	Jacquie Crawford
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Postal address (or alternative method of service under <a href="#">section 352</a> of the Act):	PO Box 7 Naseby, Otago 9354

## 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 <a href="#">section 308B</a> 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:	Land Use Consent to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Solar Farm (Maniatoto Plain Solar Farm) being a Renewable Electricity Generation Activity in a Rural
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**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.**

**Resource Area.**

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed solar facility in the Central Otago region. While I fully support renewable energy initiatives, the location and scale of this industrial project are entirely inappropriate for an area renowned for its natural beauty, tourism appeal, and unique character.

The stunning landscapes, open skies, and mountain ranges of Central Otago are key draw cards for visitors to the area, particularly those enjoying the Otago Central Rail Trail. As the operator of a tourism business on the Rail Trail, I can say with confidence that people come to this region to immerse themselves in the unspoiled beauty of Central Otago—not to see hectares of industrial solar arrays. Introducing an industrial-scale solar facility would significantly undermine the visual appeal of the area and erode one of the region’s most valuable assets: its scenery. Once damaged, this cannot be reversed.

The impact of this facility extends beyond visual intrusion. The proposed construction phase would require an influx of workers, placing immense pressure on already limited accommodation options along the Rail Trail. With accommodation demand already high, losing even a few hundred beds to construction crews would be catastrophic for businesses like mine and others that rely on tourism. Visitors who are unable to secure accommodation will simply go elsewhere, taking their economic contributions with them. The ripple effects of this disruption will be widespread and damaging to the local economy.

I urge decision-makers to carefully consider the broader consequences of this project. Central Otago’s unique and fragile tourism industry must not be sacrificed for industrial developments that could be located in less sensitive areas. Alternative locations with lower visual and economic impact should be explored before jeopardising what makes this region so special.

Thank you for considering these concerns. I trust that you will recognise the importance of preserving Central Otago’s natural heritage and prioritising the businesses and communities that rely on its ongoing appeal.

**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** That the submission be declined.

**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** I request

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.

Yes

Please sign (click on the words CAPTURE)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. W. [unclear]', written over a rectangular area.

Date signed:

19/12/2024