

Submission on Notified  
Resource Consent  
PL241235295

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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:

<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)	Amie Pont
Electronic address for service of submitter:	amiepont@gmail.com
Phone number - day time	0272643766
Postal address (or alternative method of service under <a href="#">section 352</a> of the Act):	82a Scott Lane Māniatoto Ranfurly, Otago 9397

## 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 <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	Yes

## Details of submission

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:	This submission focuses on omissions in the application which are concerning.
The submission - include:	Community benefit - little, if any, community benefit to

- **whether you support or oppose the specific parts of the application or wish to have them amended; and**
- **the reasons for your views.**

the Mānīatoto can be seen

Waste Management - how are materials damaged/created in transportation, during the lifetime of the solar farm and upon completion dealt with?

Gateway for other solar farms of concern - balance would need to be maintained, this should have been included in the economic development meeting CODC had here in Ranfurly during the time of the notification determination (dated end May 2023).

Process - This scale of consent can be detrimental to any community but the short time frame had not given us time to research, prepare, create opportunity (or conjusive argument) and this has created avoidable angst.

Suitable consultation would have given CODC the chance to explore how such a substantial project could affect our aquifer given the current issues sourcing suitable water for Ranfurly township.

Visibility - the location is too central to our main townships of Naseby and Ranfurly and SH8

Fire/wind - the Mānīatoto is defined as a desert due to low rainfall and high winds, one spark on a tinder dry day and there's so much risk of those batteries going alight and the firefighters unable to fight it as cannot use water.

Naseby Dark Skies initiative - our moons are so bright I do believe there will be glare issues at night

Lack of social and scientific responsibility identified - how is this project going to benefit the people it impacts? How is it contributing to the scientific community?

**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 oppose the consent as it stands and would like to see the community consulted with appropriately (including stakeholders such as Department of Conservation, Fish & Game etc)

Develop trust:

A Mānīatoto community fund (managed by democratically voted for community members/leaders) to the value of at least \$25m initially, that is \$1m for each year of the lifespan of the panels. Then at least \$500,000 per annum thereafter. This will give us a chance to have a fund like Central Lakes Trust which we are not part of. If Ranfurly is to support such a committed industrial addition to the area they pay rates to live in, we need to be able to ensure there are effective and long standing

benefits to the people who live, play and stay in Central Otago. This will only go a small way to appease potential property values decreasing, the disruption of a landscape of significant scenic value. We have award winning photographers living here ... that's 100% to do with the landscape.

A \$10m clean up fund bond. This ensures if the site is left unmanageable then there are funds for the landholder for this.

Full protection of all wetland and waterways on the properties via the appropriate instruments (easements) to be issued within landholder title in perpetuity (surveying and legal fees to be covered for the landholder by the applicant).

Maintain a benchmark for the exemplar on how solar can work in communities.

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.

Yes

Please sign (click on the words CAPTURE)



Date signed:

19/12/2024