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Tēnā koe

Request for information from Far North Solar Farm Limited in relation to the Point Solar Farm application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

The Point Solar Farm Expert Panel (the Panel) has directed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to request further information from you under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), relating to The Point Solar Farm application.

At the direction of the Panel, the EPA is seeking further information from you regarding the conditions filed on 21 April 2026 and as were updated in the material filed on 29 May 2026. These requests do not indicate that the Panel has made any determination as to the application, but rather to sensibly use the time available to the Panel in an efficient manner.

Item 1 - In Joint Minute #7 dated 2 March 2026, the Panel set out instructions, in Appendix A, amongst other things, that *“The conditions are presumed to be advanced on an Augier basis, unless specifically identified.”*

From an initial review of sets of conditions filed and associated documentation, the Panel is unable to identify any reference to which conditions are and are not, offered on an Augier basis. Based on the Panel’s instruction above, is the Panel’s presumption correct that the conditions filed on 21 April 2026, and updated and filed on 29 May 2026, are all offered on that basis? If yes, please confirm.

Item 2 - In the Transport Impact and Construction - Traffic Plan Management Plan, dated 28 January 2026, prepared by Renewable Energy Group (REG), included as Appendix 2 to the Request for Further Information (RFI) Response dated 9 February 2026, at Page 21, it states;

7.7 Dilapidation Survey and Road Reinstatement

A pre-construction dilapidation (road condition) survey is recommended for the public road sections proposed to be used by construction traffic, to:

- document existing pavement and shoulder condition; and
- provide an objective baseline for attributing any construction-related damage.

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The survey should record, as applicable:

- rutting, cracking, corrugation
- potholes and edge break
- loose gravel and surface scouring
- signage condition and road furniture
- photographic evidence and location referencing

A post-construction survey should be completed, and any damage attributable to construction traffic should be remedied in consultation with the road controlling authority.

The Panel observes that the recommended dilapidation survey and road reinstatement for public road sections used by construction traffic do not appear to have been included in the condition sets filed. Presumably, the area of public road where any such conditions would apply is the section of SH8 at the entrance to the construction accessway to the site. The Panel is aware that a condition (#36) has been added to the Mackenzie District Council set (29 May 2026) requiring inspection of the condition and potential remedial works where required of the access road across Lot 1 DP 470213 during the construction phase of the project, however, this is not a public road.

Given the evidence presented in the REG Transport Impact and Construction - Traffic Plan Management Plan Report, does the Applicant propose condition/s in line with the recommendation?

If yes, what are the conditions proposed? If not, please explain.

Supply of Information

In accordance with section 67(2) of the Act Far North Solar Farm Limited must:

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

Accordingly, please provide the requested information to the EPA by **5pm 20 July 2026**. If the information is not received by this date, the Panel will proceed on the basis that the request for further information has been declined.

Please note, the information will be provided to the Panel, the applicant and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the Fast-track website.

If you have any questions, please contact Application Lead, [REDACTED] by email at info@fasttrack.govt.nz

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