

5 May 2025

Tēnā koe

RE: Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 - Substantive Application for the Haldon Solar Project by Lodestone Energy Limited

This letter is to acknowledge your interest and engagement to date with the Haldon Solar Project, and to advise you that we are now in the final stages of preparing to submit the substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 ("**FTAA**").

Lodestone Energy Limited will be applying for all approvals necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Haldon Solar Project.

The Haldon Solar Project is listed in Schedule 2 of the FTAA, and it is intended that a substantive application for the project will be lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority ("**EPA**") by mid-May 2025.

The substantive application will seek approval for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a renewable electricity generation activity, including:

- > The construction, operation, and maintenance of a solar array;
- > The construction, operation, and maintenance of a substation to facilitate connection of the solar array to the National Grid;
- > The upgrade of part of an existing National Grid transmission line with a new transmission tower to support an in-out connection to the proposed substation;
- > Associated infrastructure and site improvements including access roads, fencing, and support buildings;
- > Upgrading the intersection of Haldon Road and State Highway 8; and
- > Site decommissioning activities.

I will contact you again to let you know when the application is lodged, following which you should also receive notice of lodgement in due course directly from the EPA.

The efforts made to attend the hui on site in June last year were very much appreciated, and as per our subsequent correspondence to you, Lodestone Energy is happy to continue engagement with the Papatipu Rūnanga as the project progresses. If you any questions or matters you would like to discuss associated with the substantive application please do not hesitate to contact me. We are also happy to meet kanohi ki te kanohi should you so desire.

Yours sincerely,



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