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Environmental Protection Authority
Te Mana Rauhi Taiao

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Haldon Solar - RFI #2 Response and Request to Pause Processing under s 64, FTAA 2024

Tēnā koe June,

Lodestone remains committed to providing the Panel with a complete, technically robust, and decision-ready ecological framework.

Lodestone has engaged RMA Ecology (Graham Ussher) to complete indigenous vegetation surveys and to finalise a comprehensive effects management and mitigation programme. SLR is undertaking additional confirmatory fieldwork relating to invertebrate values to support refinement of the ecological framework.

While Lodestone has completed a substantial portion of the RFI #2 response, certain field surveys were unable to be completed within the timeframe set by the RFI, primarily due to weather conditions affecting survey suitability. As a result, two discrete components of the ecological response cannot yet be finalised.

To avoid placing incomplete material before the Panel, Lodestone formally requests, pursuant to section 64 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, that the processing of the substantive application be put on pause.

Lodestone confirms that it is comfortable for the Panel to continue reviewing the Application material during the pause period and to issue any procedural directions it considers appropriate. If the Panel would benefit from receiving the completed portions of the RFI response in the interim, please advise and we will provide that material.

We propose that processing resume on 31 March 2026, by which time we expect to lodge the completed survey inputs and finalised ecological framework. Should we be in a position to provide that information earlier, we will do so.

Yours faithfully,



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