

1.0 Regional Consent Conditions – Groundwater Take (Northern)

To take groundwater associated with construction activities for the Ashbourne Northern Solar Farm.

Duration: 10 Years

Lapse Period: 10 Years

1.1 General Conditions

- (1) The groundwater take authorised by this resource consent shall be undertaken in general accordance with the application documentation as listed in XXX dated XXX recorded as document number XXXXXX in the Waikato Regional Council's document recorder system unless inconsistent with the conditions below, which must prevail.
- (2) The Consent Holder shall be responsible for all contracted operations relating to the exercise of this resource consent and shall ensure contractors are made aware of the conditions of this consent and their requirement to comply with those conditions.
- (3) A copy of this resource consent and all certified management plans must be kept onsite at all times that the works authorised by this resource consent are being undertaken and shall be produced without unreasonable delay upon request from an agent of the WRC.
- (4) Any reference in these conditions to a New Zealand standard includes any later New Zealand standard that amends or replaces it.

1.2 Fees and Charges

- (5) The Consent Holder must pay to the consent authority any administrative charge fixed in accordance with Section 36 of the RMA, or any charge prescribed in accordance with regulations made under Section 360 of the RMA.

1.3 Consent Lapse

- (6) Pursuant to Clause 26(2) of Schedule 5 to the FTAA, the consent numbered RCXX shall lapse ten (10) years from the date of commencement unless it has been given effect to, surrendered, or been cancelled at an earlier date.

1.4 Review

- (7) The **WRC** may during July each year serve notice on the Consent Holder under section 128(1) of the **RMA** to review the conditions of this for the following purposes:
 - (a) To review the effectiveness of the conditions of this consent in avoiding or mitigating any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this consent, and if necessary, to avoid, remedy or mitigate such effects by way of further or amended conditions;

- (b) To review the adequacy of and the necessity for monitoring undertaken by the consent holder;
 - (c) To review the appropriateness of any volume specified within this consent, and, if necessary, to address any inappropriateness of any volume by way of reducing any volume.
- (8) Costs associated with any review of conditions of this consent will be recovered from the Consent Holder in accordance with the provisions of section 36 of the *RMA*.

1.5 Pre-Start Requirements

- (9) The Consent Hold shall appoint a representative(s) prior to commencement of any works authorised by this resource consent, who shall be WRC’s principal contact person in regard to matters relating to this consent. The Consent Holder shall inform WRC of the representative’s name and how they can be contacted prior to this consent being exercised. Should that person(s) change during the term of this resource consent, the Consent Holder shall immediately inform the WRC, and shall also give written notice of the new representative’s name and how they can be contacted.
- (10) Prior to the commencement of activities authorised by this consent on the Site, the Consent Holder shall hold a pre-start meeting that;
- (d) Is scheduled not less than ten (10) working days (or such other timeframe that is agreed in writing between the Consent Holder and *WRC*) before the anticipated commencement of works.
 - (e) Outlines the strategy, sequence and approach to constructing each stage.
 - (f) Confirms the approach to management plans and what is relevant per delivery stage(s).
- At least ten (10) working days prior to the meeting, shall invite the following parties to the pre-start meeting:
- (g) *WRC* compliance monitoring officer[s] and engineers; and
 - (h) representatives from Ngāti Hauā, Raukawa, Ngāti Hinerangi, and Te Whakakitenga o Waikato

1.6 Dewatering

- (11) The daily diversion volume authorised by this resource consent the northern solar farm shall not exceed 138 m³/day (accounting for a 5% contingency). Ground water take volumes shall be in accordance with the Hydrogeological Assessment prepared by WGA titled ‘Ashbourne Development Hydrogeological Effects Assessment’ dated XXX and recorded as document number XXXXXX in the Waikato Regional Council’s document recorder system.
- (12) The maximum dewatering depth for construction and dewatering of the wastewater pump station and treatment wet wells shall be in accordance with the Hydrogeological Assessment prepared by WGA titled ‘Ashbourne Development Hydrogeological Effects Assessment’ dated XXX and recorded as document number XXXXXX in the Waikato Regional Council’s document recorder system, unless otherwise agreed to by the Waikato Regional Council,, following final survey and establishment of the datum on site.

- (13) Groundwater taken pursuant to this consent must only be used for dewatering associated with construction activities for the Northern Solar Farm.
- (14) All water taken for dust and dewatering purposes on any given day must be lawfully discharged without significant delay into the catchment.
- (15) A water measuring system must quantify all water taken for dewatering purposes on a continuous basis. The system must have a reliable calibration to water flow and must be maintained to an accuracy of +/- 5%. Prior to taking water under this consent, evidence from a suitably qualified person showing that the water measuring system is verified as accurate to +/- 5% must be provided to the Waikato Regional Council.
- (16) Additional verification of the accuracy of the water measuring system must be undertaken by the consent holder:
- a. At the written request of the Waikato Regional Council;
 - b. To the satisfaction of the Waikato Regional Council
- Evidence documenting each respective additional verification must be forwarded to Waikato Regional Council within one month of the verification being completed.

1.7 Advice Notes

- This resource consent does not give any right of access over private or public property. Arrangements for access must be made between the Consent Holder and the property owner.
- This resource consent is transferable to another owner or occupier of the land concerned, upon application, on the same conditions and for the same use as originally granted (Sections 134 to 137 of the RMA).
- The reasonable costs incurred by WRC arising from supervision and monitoring of this/these consents will be charged to the Consent Holder. This may include but not be limited to routine inspection of the site by WRC officers or agents, liaison with the Consent Holder, responding to complaints or enquiries relating to the site, and review and assessment of compliance with the conditions of consents.
- Note that pursuant to Section 332 of the RMA, enforcement officers may at all reasonable times go onto the property that is the subject of this consent, for the purpose of carrying out inspections, surveys, investigations, tests, measurements or taking samples.