



CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Ms Bianca Sullivan
Mahinerangi Windfarm Expert Panel Chair

By Email: Substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz

Dear Bianca

Clutha District Council's Comments on the Mahinerangi Wind Farm

The Clutha District Council has been invited for comment on the Application, being a relevant local authority as referenced in section 53(2)(A) of the Act, as requested in Minute #3 of the Expert Panel.

The Council has not engaged any technical expert advice. This is because:

- In its view the adverse effects of the Wind Farm are established through the existing resource consent, and the modifications sought in this Application are not a significant departure in terms of those adverse effects;
- The Council does not have concerns with the proposed overhead transmission lines. The nature, scale and extent of those adverse as described in the Application documents are agreed and accepted as appropriate.

The focus of these comments therefore, are on confirming the status of the activity under the Clutha District Plan and conditions.

Summary of Consultation

A summary of consultant between the Applicant and the Council is recorded¹ in the Application. No fundamental issues were identified by the CDC in pre-application discussions with the Applicant. Council officers' comments relating to infrastructure and roading matters are identified in the Applicant's summary of consultation². The Council accepts those responses and does not provide any further comment.

¹ Application Document A.10. Substantive Application Report Consultation and Engagement Final . Section 10.2.3 [Report - Standard 19.07.24](#).

² Ibid Table 10.2.

Approvals Sought Under the Clutha District Plan

Part D³ of the Application identifies the approvals required under the Clutha District Plan. The Council agree with this document in terms of the approvals sought as required by the Clutha District Plan.

Part E0.1 Clutha District Council Resource Consent RM1409 Variation Conditions

The proposed variation to the conditions of RM1409⁴ are agreed, and the Council do not recommend any substantive amendments to these conditions.

The following amendments are recommended to make minor changes:

- a) Conditions 2, 9, 16 (iii), 22, 23, 25, 25(ii), 25(iii), 25A, 25A(v), 25A (ix), 25B(ii), 25C(i), 25E(i), 25F(i), 25G(c), 27(iii), 31, 37, 43, 44, 54, 57, 58 and 80 refer to the 'Planning and Environment Manager' of the Council. This role is disestablished and the current reference is the Regulatory Group Manager. It is recommended that the conditions are updated to reflect this change. Or, it may be more consistent and efficient to refer to the 'Consent Authority' generally, as referenced in the Proposed new consent conditions (Part E0.2).

Part E0.2 Clutha District Council Resource Consent Proposed Conditions

The following minor amendment is suggested to the proposed conditions of the new transmission line connection⁵:

- b) Amend the reference in contact details of Consent Authority, from the Planning and Environment Manager, to Regulatory Group Manager.

Yours faithfully,



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³ Substantive Application, Document D.01 RMA Rules Assessment. URL Link:
https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0022/15736/D.01-RMA-Rules-Assessment.pdf

⁴ [E.01-Clutha-District-Plan-RM1409-Variation-Conditions-Final.pdf](https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/15740/E.01-Clutha-District-Plan-RM1409-Variation-Conditions-Final.pdf)

⁵ https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/15740/E.02-Clutha-District-Council-Proposed-Conditions-Final.pdf