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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 Far North Solar Farm Limited regarding **the following**:

1) Management Plans – relationship to conditions

The information filed by the Applicant on 21 April 2026, included updated sets of the conditions for the Mackenzie District Council consent and the Canterbury Regional Council consents, along with twenty (20) draft management plans and a tabular assessment of the management plans demonstrating how each management plan satisfies the Panel Convenor's Practice and Procedure Guidance.

The Panel observes that not all the draft management plans provided derive from a specific condition of consent. For example, the draft Biosecurity Management Plan provided does not have a corresponding condition requiring its preparation, purpose or certification process.

The same lack of a specific condition reference to a draft management plan topic or requirement to prepare a particular draft Management Plan appears also to apply to the Construction Fire Risk Management Plan, the Soil Monitoring Plan, and the Substation Construction Management Plan. The Panel understands that draft Decommissioning Traffic Management Plan provided appears to derive from MDC consent condition 146 e., however, again there is no requirement in a condition to prepare such a management plan.

In addition, the Panel observes that additional ecological information is scheduled to be provided by the Applicant on 29 May 2026. This additional ecological information has the potential to require further amendments to the draft condition sets filed on 21 April 2026. The Panel see this a critical point in demonstrating how the Applicant proposes to address any effects identified in that information.

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2) **New set of Plans showing the proposed development including areas for landscaping and ecological mitigation.**

In Joint Minute #8 Haldon Solar and Minute #11 The Point Solar Farm, at Para 4, the Panel sought revised plans to be included with the revised conditions to be filed. The Point Solar Farm Panel observe that conditions filed on 21 April 2026 for The Point Solar Farm, did not include any revised plans of the proposed development, including any updated mitigation for matters such as landscape or ecological matters. By way of example, the FNSF Standalone MDC Set, The Point_21-04-29, condition 7 states;
Compliance with plans

The Solar Farm must be constructed, operated, maintained and decommissioned in general accordance with the information and plans submitted by the Consent Holder in support of application number FTA-2509-1100 and officially received by Council on 26 September 2025. Plans and information that comprise this application are listed in **Attachment A**.

The Panel observes that the plan list for Attachment A has not been provided and that plans appear to have changed since 26 September 2025.

Up to date copies of said plans are critical to any set of conditions, should the application be granted.

The Panel requests the following information:

- 1 a) How can management plans that are not linked to conditions be considered by the Panel in the decision-making process?
- 1(b) If it is intended to link them please provide amendments that reflect this.
- 1(c) The Panel expects the Applicant's conditions expert to include the additional ecological information to be provided on 29 May 2026 into an updated set of conditions. Can it be confirmed that this will be completed by 29 May 2026?
- 2 The Panel expects the Applicant to provide a revised and updated set of plans for the proposed development reflecting the revised mitigation areas for landscape and ecological matters and other new proposals, suitable for attachment to and forming part of any conditions. Can it be confirmed that this will be completed by 29 May 2026?

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 29 May 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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