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## Invitation to comment on Fast-track referral application for the Hokonui Wind Farm project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – FTAA-2604-1213

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**From** Infrastructure Portfolio <Infrastructure.Portfolio@parliament.govt.nz>

**Date** Fri 26/06/2026 8:00 AM

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 1 attachment (56 KB)

Comments Form for Invited Ministers.docx;

To:

- Minister for Economic Growth
- Minister for Regional Development
- Minister for the Environment
- Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti
- Minister for Māori Development
- Minister of Climate Change
- Minister for Energy
- Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
- Minister of Conservation

**NOTE - This project lodged an application after 31 March 2026, therefore a 15-day comment period applies.**

Dear Ministers,

Hon Chris Bishop, the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister), has asked for me to write to you on his behalf.

The Minister has received an application from Hokonui Hills Wind Farm Limited Partnership for referral of Hokonui Wind Farm project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process (application reference FTAA- 2604-1213).

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

### Invitation to comment on referral application

I write in accordance with section 17 of the Act to invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. I have provided summary details of the project below.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received by **return email** within **15 working days** of receipt of this email, being **20 July 2026**. The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame. Any comments submitted will contribute to the Minister's decision on whether to accept the referral application and to refer the project.

If you do not wish to provide comments, please let us know as soon as possible so we can proceed with processing the application without delay.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and to refer the project, the Applicant will need to complete any preliminary steps required under the Act and then lodge their substantive application for the approvals needed for the project. An expert panel will be appointed to decide the substantive application.

## Process

The application documents are accessible through the Fast-track portal. Please note that application documents may contain commercially sensitivity information and should not be shared widely. If you haven't used the portal before, you can request access by emailing [ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz). Once you are registered and have accepted the terms and conditions, you will receive a link to view the documents. Existing users will be able to see application documents via the request when logging into the portal. Should you need for your agency to provide any supplementary information, a nominated person can be provided access to the portal, access can be requested by emailing [ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ftareferrals@mfe.govt.nz).

To submit your comments on the application, you can either provide a letter or complete the attached template for written comments and return it by replying to this email, [infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz).

Before the due date, if you have any queries about this email or need assistance with using the portal, please email [contact@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:contact@fasttrack.govt.nz). Further information is available at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/>.

## Important Information

Please note that all comments received from Ministers invited to comment will be subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Comments received will be proactively released at the time the Minister for Infrastructure makes a referral decision, unless the Minister providing comments advises the Minister for Infrastructure's office they are to be withheld, at the time they are submitted.

If a Conflict of Interest is identified by the Minister providing comments at any stage of providing comments, please inform my office and the Cabinet Office immediately. The Cabinet Office will provide advice and, if appropriate, initiate a request to the Prime Minister to agree to a transfer of the project/portfolio invite to another Minister (a request to transfer a COI from one Minister to another can take 1-7 days).

## Project summary

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| <b>Project name</b>        | Hokonui Wind Farm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Applicant</b>           | Hokonui Hills Wind Farm Limited Partnership                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Location</b>            | Hokonui Hills, Southland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Project description</b> | <p>The project area is approximately 1100 hectares, located across 12 properties in the Hokonui Hills near Mandeville, mostly in the Southland District, and partly in the Gore District, Southland Region. The project is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. construct, operate, maintain and carry out end-of-life decommissioning of a wind farm with a peak generation capacity of up to 500 MW (Megawatts) and an annual expected output of 1,905 GWh (Giga-watt hours)</li><li>b. establish a mixed-use industrial area of approximately 30 hectares to enable co-location of complementary industrial or energy-related activities.</li></ul> <p>The project includes associated infrastructure and ancillary activities to connect and supply electricity to the National and local grids that will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. up to 83 wind turbines comprising 3-blades, atop a tower height of up to 150 metres (maximum blade height up to 240 metres above ground level)</li></ul> |

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Kind regards,



#### Office of Hon Chris Bishop

Attorney-General | Minister of Housing | Minister for Infrastructure | Minister Responsible for RMA Reform | Minister of Transport | Associate Minister of Finance | MP for Hutt South

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26 June 2026

FTAA-2604-1213

Debbie Lascelles  
Chief Executive  
Gore District Council

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Debbie

**Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the Hokonui Wind Farm Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

**Note:** Comments must be received by **20 July 2026, 11.59PM.**

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from the Hokonui Wind Farm Limited Partnership (the applicant) for the Hokonui Wind Farm Project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Gore District Council to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

Written comments must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and a copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Under section 17(3) of the Act, Gore District Council **must** provide comments advising on the following matters:

- 1. Any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please provide written confirmation.*

Under section 17(3)(b), Gore District Council **may** also provide other comments, however, any such comments must be relevant to the **referral** application and the decisions that the Minister is required to make under section 21 of the Act.

This requirement is new, made through the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Act 2025 and is to ensure comments from organisations that recover costs from applicants are focused on relevant matters that are material to the Minister's decision on whether to accept and refer the project.

For a referral application, the focus is limited to the criteria in [Section 22](#) of the Act, compared to the substantive application stage which requires comprehensive technical reports and detail. If the project is referred to the fast-track process, there may be an opportunity to provide detailed comment on a substantive application.

In considering the criteria, I invite you to provide comments on the following matters:

2. *The project area is located across the territorial boundary shared with Southland District Council, who is also a relevant local authority for this application. With this context, are there any cross-boundary jurisdiction matters that Gore District Council consider may affect the delivery of the project?*
3. *Whether you consider the project may involve an ineligible activity, and if so, why (as defined in section 5 of the Act).*
4. *Whether you consider any of the reasons to decline a referral application may be applicable to this application, and if so why (under section 21(5) of Act).*

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for inviting written comments under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and may be commercially sensitive. It should not be disclosed or forwarded to, and comments should not be sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the substantive application complete and within scope, an expert panel will be appointed to make a final decision on the approvals sought.

Before the due date, please upload any comments to the application portal feedback page using the template for written comments (attached) or similar format/document.

Alternatively, if you wish to email your feedback or have any queries about this letter, please email to [referral@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:referral@fasttrack.govt.nz) and include the name of the lead contact – Stephanie McNicholl.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. W. Bunting'.

Ben Bunting

**Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations**

cc: [planning@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:planning@goredc.govt.nz)

Appendix A: Project summary details

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26 June 2026

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Paul Blue  
Chief Executive  
PowerNet Limited

[enquiries@powernet.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@powernet.co.nz)

Dear Paul

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act. You have been identified as an “any other person” for the purposes of this section. I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application (as manager of the local electricity distribution and lines network), regarding whether capability to connect to the local grid will impact timely delivery of the project, a copy is available via the applications portal.

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Ben Bunting

**Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations**

cc: Geoff Thorburn, General Manager of Operations – s 9(2)(a)

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Yours sincerely



Ben Bunting

**Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations**

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Elizabeth Hovell, Team Leader Consents Planning –  
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Appendix A: Project summary details

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26 June 2026

FTAA-2604-1213

Rob Phillips  
Acting Chief Executive  
Southland Regional Council

[services@es.govt.nz](mailto:services@es.govt.nz)

Dear Rob

**Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the Hokonui Wind Farm Project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

**Note:** Comments must be received by **20 July 2026, 11.59PM.**

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from the Hokonui Wind Farm Limited Partnership (the applicant) for the Hokonui Wind Farm Project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Southland Regional Council to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

Written comments must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and a copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Under section 17(3) of the Act, Southland Regional Council **must** provide comments advising on the following matters:

- 1. Any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please provide written confirmation.*

2. *In relation to projects seeking approval of a resource consent under section 42(4)(a) of the Act, whether there any existing resource consents issued where sections 124C(1)(c) or 165Z1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) could apply, if the project were to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA. If no such consents exist, please provide written confirmation.*

Under section 17(3)(b), Southland Regional Council **may** also provide other comments, however, any such comments must be relevant to the **referral** application and the decisions that the Minister is required to make under section 21 of the Act. This requirement is new, made through the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Act 2025 and is to ensure comments from organisations that recover costs from applicants are focused on relevant matters that are material to the Minister's decision on whether to accept and refer the project.

For a referral application, the focus is limited to the criteria in [Section 22](#) of the Act, compared to the substantive application stage which requires comprehensive technical reports and detail. If the project is referred to the fast-track process, there may be an opportunity to provide detailed comment on a substantive application.

In considering the criteria, I invite you to provide comments on the following matters:

3. *Whether you consider the project may involve an ineligible activity, and if so, why (as defined in section 5 of the Act)*
4. *Whether you consider any of the reasons to decline a referral application may be applicable to this application, and if so why (under section 21(5) of Act).*

The information you are receiving is being provided to you consistent with the statutory requirements for inviting written comments under section 17 of the Act. The information is being provided in-confidence and may be commercially sensitive. It should not be disclosed or forwarded to, and comments should not be sought from, anyone outside of your organisation.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the substantive application complete and within scope, an expert panel will be appointed to make a final decision on the approvals sought.

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Yours sincerely

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Ben Bunting

**Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations**

cc: Lacey Bragg, Consents Manager - s 9(2)(a)  
Bruce Halligan, Strategic Regulatory Advisor - s 9(2)(a)  
Jan Brown, Executive Officer - s 9(2)(a)  
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Appendix A: Project summary details

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26 June 2026

FTAA-2604-1213

James Kilty  
Chief Executive  
Transpower New Zealand Limited

s 9(2)(a)

Dear James

**Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the Hokonui Wind Farm project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

**Note:** Comments must be received by **20 July 2026, 11.59PM.**

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The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act. You have been identified as an “any other person” for the purposes of this section. I invite you to provide written comments on the referral application, regarding whether connection to, and capacity within, the National Grid will impact timely delivery of the project, a copy is available via the applications portal.

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Comments received will help inform the Minister and the criteria in [Section 22](#) of the Act will guide the Minister’s decision-making on whether to refer the project to the fast-track approvals process.

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Yours sincerely



Ben Bunting

**Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations**

cc. Joanne Mooar – s 9(2)(a)

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26 June 2026

FTAA-2604-1213

Penny Nelson  
Director-General of Conservation  
Department of Conservation

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Penny

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(c) of the Act (which requires the Minister to invite written comments on a referral application from the relevant administering agencies). I invite the Department of Conservation as the administering agency for the Conservation Act 1987, Wildlife Act 1953 and Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and copy of the application (refer to due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of the specified time frame.

Under section 17(3A), any comments made by an administering agency must be **relevant** to the **referral** application and the decisions that the Minister is required to make under section 21 of the Act.

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In considering the criteria, I invite you to provide comments on the following matters:

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Yours sincerely

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Ben Bunting

**Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations**

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24 June 2026

FTAA-2604-1213

Penny Nelson  
Director-General of Conservation  
Department of Conservation

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Penny

**Request for report in relation to the use of public conservation land under section 19 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 for the Hokonui Wind Farm project**

**Note:** The due date for the section 19 report is **22 July 2026, 11.59PM.**

A referral application has been received by the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister) from the Hokonui Wind Farm Limited Partnership (the applicant) for the Hokonui Wind Farm Project (the project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). Project summary details are in Appendix A.

The project area includes public conservation land (defined under the Act) and requires the following proposed approvals under specified Acts:

- a. resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991
- b. concessions under the Conservation Act 1987
- c. wildlife permits under the Wildlife Act 1953
- d. archaeological approvals under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014
- e. approvals under the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983.

Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 19(1) of the Act, I write to request and obtain a report in relation to the use of public conservation land that is prepared by the Director-General of Conservation.

As specified under section 19 of the Act, the report must include the following:

1. the existing arrangements (whether formal or informal) for the administration, access to, or use of public conservation land within the project area.
2. advice on the risks to, and potential liabilities of, the Crown that relate to any proposed approvals of the kind described in [section 42\(4\)\(e\), \(f\), \(l\), or \(m\)](#) (concession, land exchange, or access arrangement).
3. if the referral application was required to include information under [paragraph \(q\) or \(r\) of section 13\(4\)](#), advice on the matters set out in the applicable paragraph.

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Under section 19(3) of the Act, I note the report content related to the existing arrangements and advice on risks and liabilities must be prepared in consultation with every owner, administrator, or manager of the land who is not the Crown.

The due date for the section 19 report is no later than **17 working days** from receipt of this letter (refer to the due date above). If you do not consider the report can be prepared by that date, please advise as soon as possible.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and refer the project to the fast-track approvals process, the applicant will be required to complete any preliminary steps under the Act before lodging a substantive application. If the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) deems the substantive application complete, an expert panel will be appointed to make final decisions on the approvals sought.

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Yours sincerely



Ben Bunting

**Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations**

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26 June 2026

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Terry Nicholas  
Manager  
Hokonui Rūnanga

s 9(2)(a)

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Nāku noa, nā



Ben Bunting

**Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations**

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26 June 2026

FTAA-2604-1213

Peter Richardson  
Director, Policy  
Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Peter

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I write under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(c) of the Act (which requires the Minister to invite written comments on a referral application from the relevant administering agencies). I invite Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga as the administering agency for the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and copy of the application (refer to due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of the specified time frame.

Under section 17(3A), any comments made by an administering agency must be **relevant** to the **referral** application and the decisions that the Minister is required to make under section 21 of the Act.

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In considering the criteria, I invite you to provide comments on the following matters:

1. *whether you consider the project may involve an ineligible activity, and if so, why (as defined in section 5 of the Act)*
2. *whether you consider any of the reasons to decline a referral application may be applicable to this application, and if so why (under section 21(5) of Act).*

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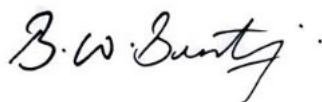
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Yours sincerely



Ben Bunting

**Acting Manager – Fast-track Operations**

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Dean Whaanga  
Kaupapa Taiao Kaiwhakahaere  
Te Ao Mārama Incorporated

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Tēnā koe Dean

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Michael Stevens  
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Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

s 9(2)(a)

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Nāku noa, nā



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Odele Stehlin  
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