

Our reference: Contact Energy FTAA

Enquiries to: [REDACTED]

8 July 2025

Matthew Cleland – Head of Wind and Solar
Contact Energy Limited PO Box 10742
Wellington 6143

Dear Matthew

Southland Wind Farm – Section 30(3) Fast Track Approvals Act (FTAA) Request

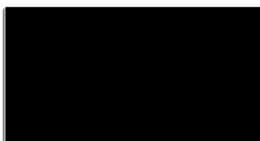
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I advise that a search of our records confirms that there are no such consents.

I hope this is of assistance.



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Strategic Regulatory Advisor



2 July 2025

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Private Bag 90116
Invercargill
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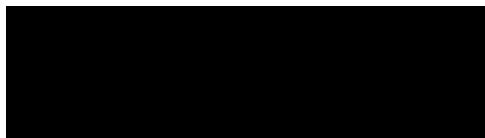
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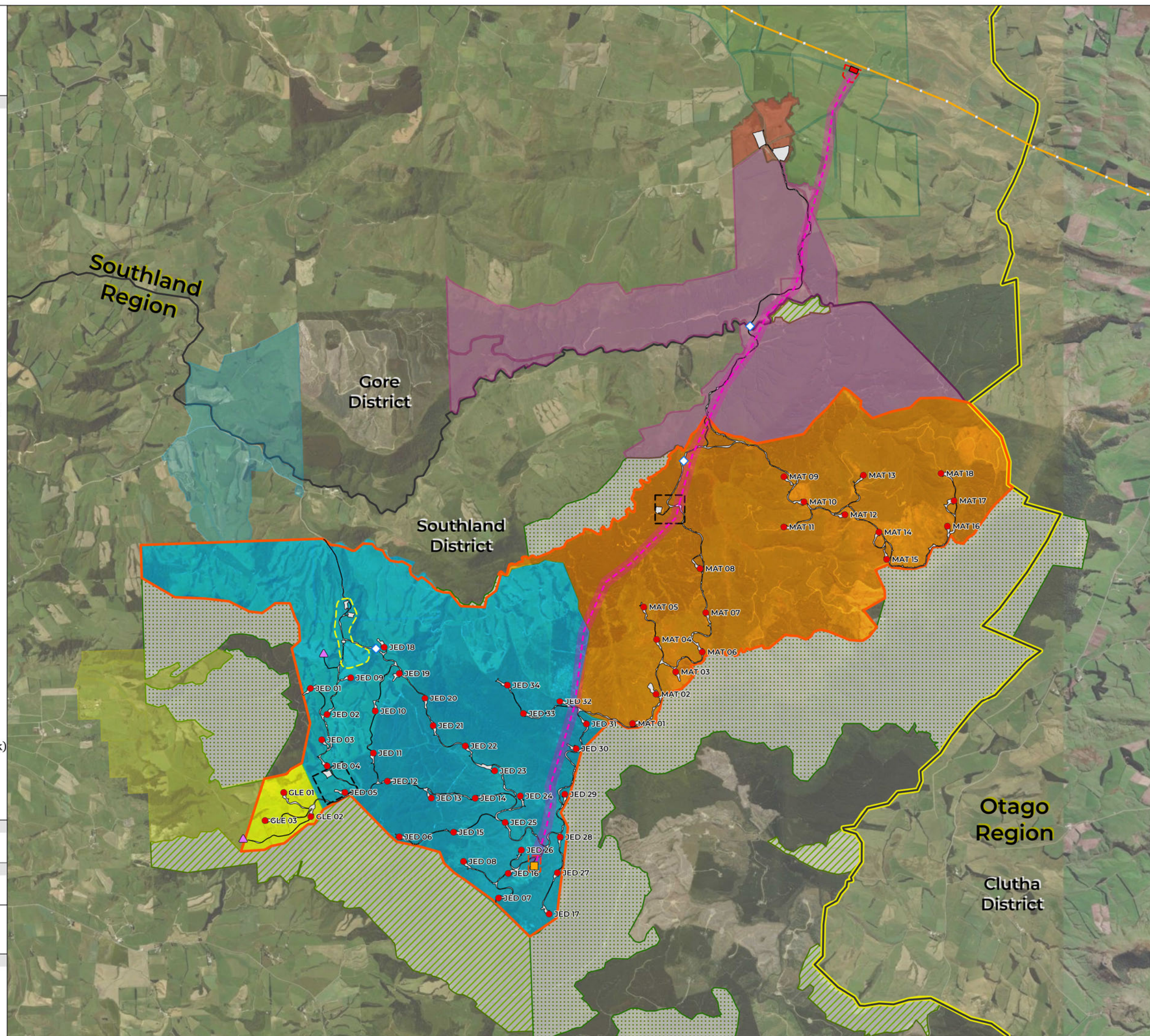
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Regional Air Plan 2016			
5.5.5	Any industrial or trade processes that are not strictly provided for in the Regional Air Plan.	Discharge of dust from construction activities including road improvement works and discharge of contaminants to air from the onsite concrete batching facilities.	Discretionary
Proposed Southland Water and Land Plan (operative in part)			
Rule 5	Discharge of contaminants or water to a waterbody, namely sediment during construction, that meet the rule conditions.	It is anticipated that with the appropriate management practices in place, including an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan ("ESCP"), Contact will avoid discharging sediment to water beyond what is permitted in the SWLP. However, as the Project involves activities near streams, including the construction of stream crossings, as a precaution, Contact is seeking resource consent to discharge sediment to surface water during construction activities. Contact will implement water quality monitoring during construction in accordance with the ESCP, and this will ensure the relevant water quality standards are met.	Discretionary
Rule 42(b)	Discharge of cleanfill associated with the earthwork disposal sites associated with the wind farm construction greater than 500m ³ .	The construction of the Southland Wind Farm will involve the discharge of approximately 1,111,000m ³ of cleanfill to land within the Wind Farm Site and 665,000m ³ of cleanfill to be used as engineered fill within the Wind Farm Site.	Restricted discretionary
Rule 49(b)(ii)	For non-consumptive takes where the total volume of water taken or diverted is returned within 100 metres of the take or diversion point.	The temporary diversion of water may be required during the construction of culverts and/or a bridge.	Restricted Discretionary
Rule 49(c)	The taking, use and diversion of surface water for infrastructure construction.	The take of water at a maximum rate of 5L/s at one site within Jedburgh Station and one site within Matariki Forest will exceed the permitted volume. The maximum daily volume of take at each site will not exceed 432m ³ , with compliance with the permitted activity rules of the SWLP when the minimum stream flow is Q95. Water will be used during construction including for earthworks activities, concrete batching, dust control and general Project activities.	Discretionary

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Rule 69	Any use, erection, maintenance, placement of any structure in, on, or over the bed of a river or wetland, not provided for by a rule in the Plan.	The Project involves activities within streams and wetlands, including the construction of a bridge, culverts and access road. As a precaution, for any activities that are required that are not otherwise covered by another rule in the SWLP, consent is being sought under this rule.	Discretionary
Rule 74(c)	The use of land within a natural wetland that is not for the purposes listed in Rule 74(a).	Civil works within a natural wetland(s).	Non-complying

21.07.2025

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C/O
Chris Drayton

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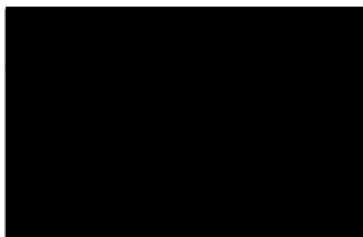
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Should you require any further information with regard to the above, please contact Mishka Banhidi – Consultant Planner via email at Mbanhidi@propertygroup.co.nz

Yours faithfully



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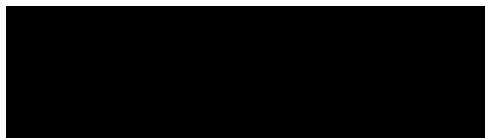
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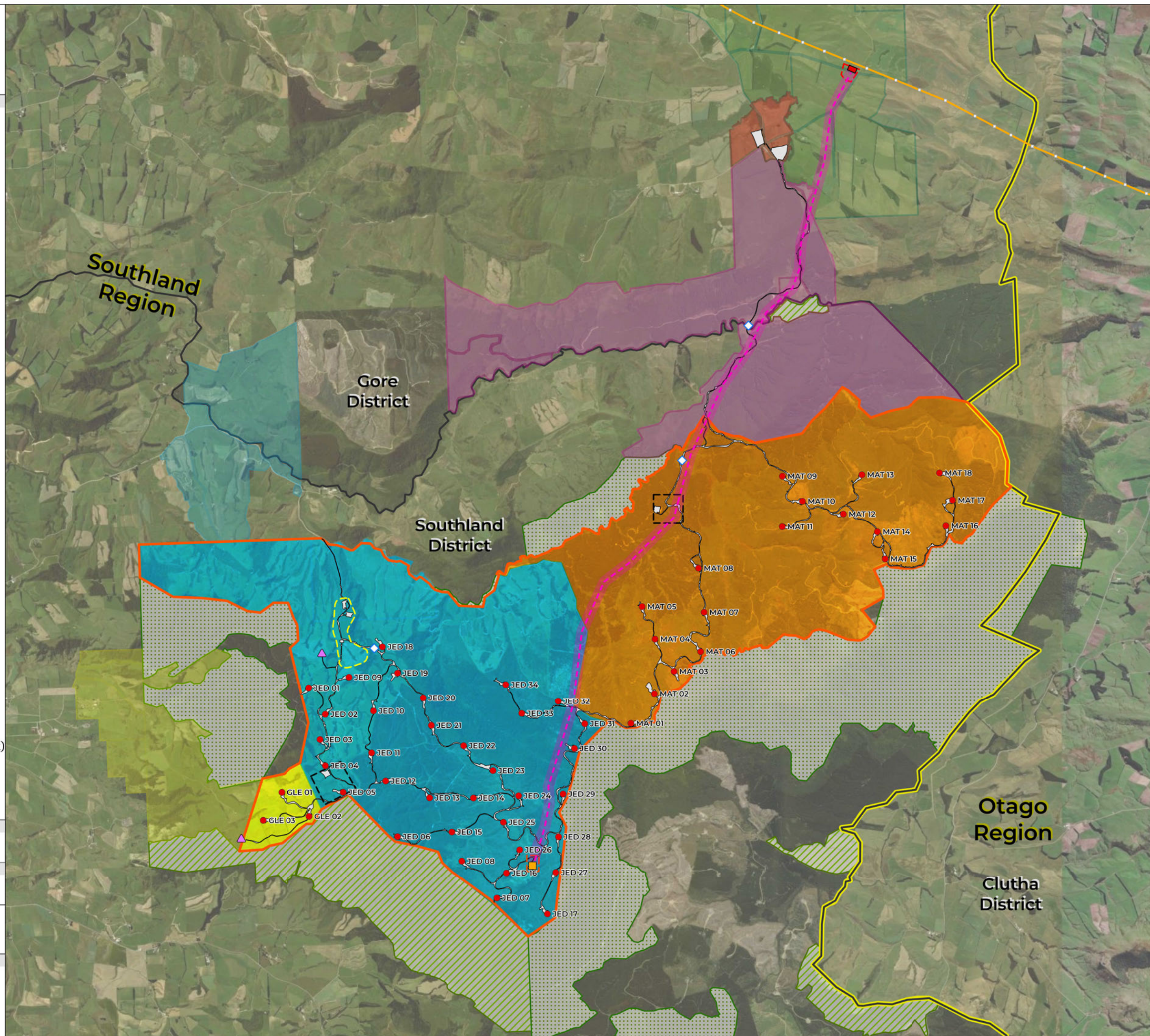
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Proposed Gore District Plan			
ENRG-R2	Large-Scale Renewable Electricity Generation construction, operation, maintenance, repairs and upgrading (including and structures and associated buildings).	The Southland Wind Farm meets the definition of a large-scale renewable electricity generation activity, ⁵ and as such, any activities associated with the construction and operation of the Southland Wind Farm, including the transmission line and GIP, are provided for under this rule.	Discretionary

⁵ Renewable electricity generation activities – large scale means electricity generation activities utilising renewable energy sources with a capacity of 20kW or greater for the purpose of exporting electricity directly into the distribution network or National Grid. It includes all ancillary components and activities such as substations, climate / environmental monitoring equipment, earthworks, roading, maintenance buildings, temporary concrete batching plants, internal transmission and fibre networks, vegetation clearance, and site rehabilitation works, Interpretation Chapter, Proposed Gore District Plan.

Memo

Southland Wind Farm – Southland District Council Section 30 (3) Memo

TO:	Matthew Cleland – Contact Energy
FROM:	Southland District Council
DATE:	Wednesday 16 th July 2025

In accordance with the Fast-Track Approval Act 2024 (FTAA) this memo provided by Southland District Council (SDC) is to address the requirements under Section 30 of the FTAA.

The Southland Wind Farm Project, located with the Southland District at Slopedown/Pawakataka proposes 55 turbines, up to a height of 220 metres and producing 1.2GW per annum. Additional infrastructure of a single transmission line, grid injection point facility, two concrete batching plants and storage ponds, and two temporary construction facilities and one permanent maintenance facility is proposed as part of the activity. The anticipated construction period is 2 to 3 years, with an operational lifespan of 30 years, with the potential to extend.

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As per the requirement of Section 30 of the FTAA, the applicant must notify each consent authority that has jurisdiction over the area where the approval would apply for the application, Contract Energy fulfilled this notification obligation on 2nd July 2025 via written communication and an in-person meeting was held on the 8th July 2025.

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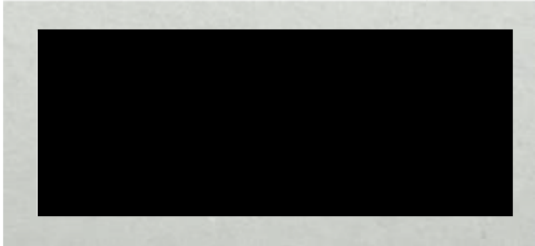
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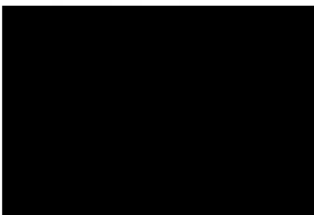
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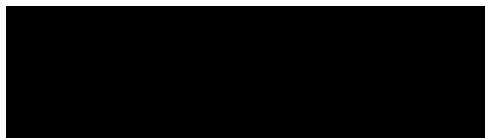
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- ▭ Regional Council Boundary
- ▭ DOC Conservation Area (Conservation Park)
- ▭ DOC Conservation Area (Stewardship)

MAP SCALE



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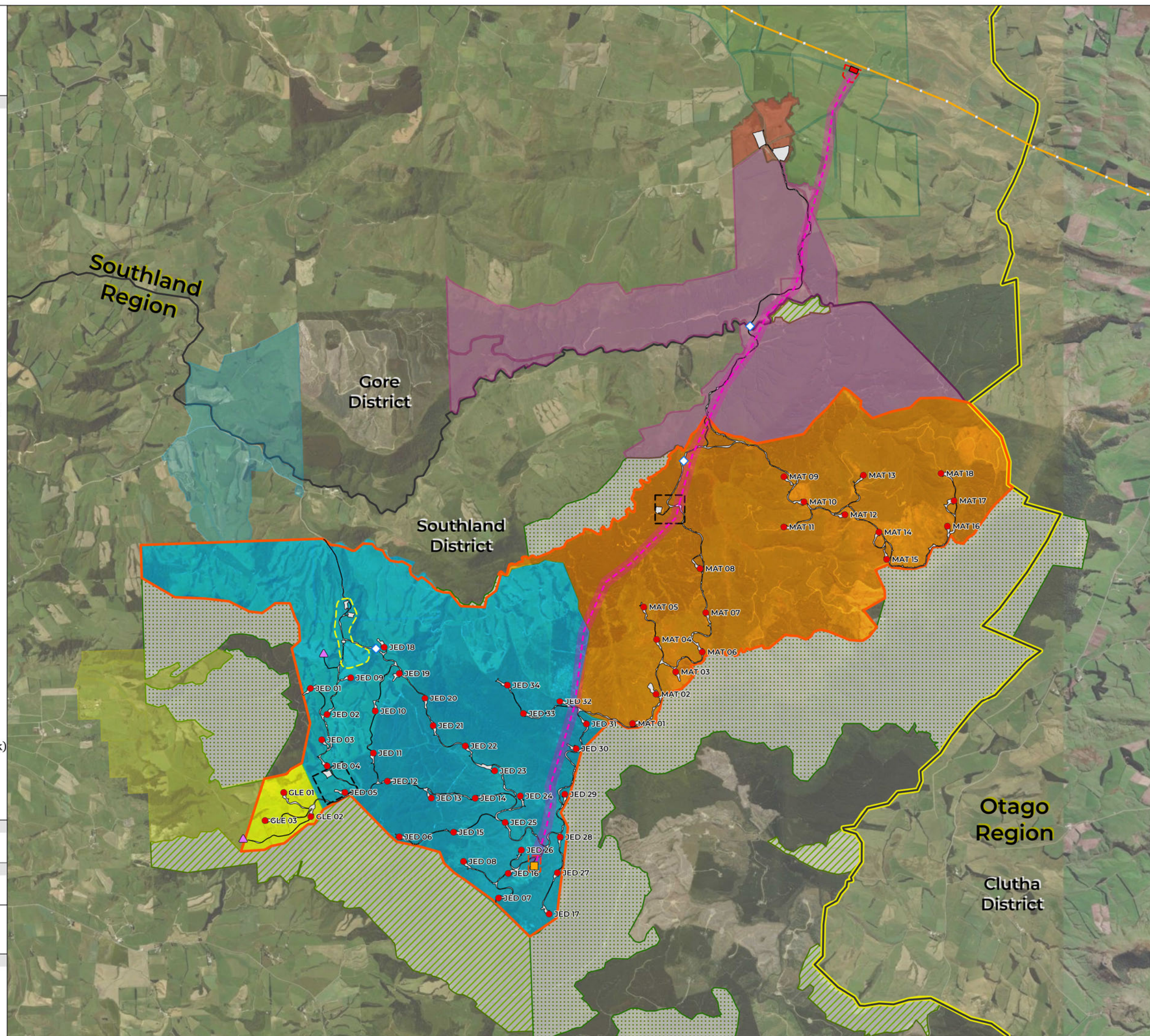
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FIGURE PROJECT DESCRIPTION - 2

SOUTHLAND WIND FARM
PROJECT SITE PLAN



Southland Wind Farm Landholdings

Legal Owner	Legal Description and Title Reference	WTGs ¹	Wind Farm Substation	Site Access	Transmission Line	Switching Station (GIP)
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Section 3 Block IX Slopedown Survey District, RT SL9D/824	34	Y	Option 1 ²	Y	
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Section 2 Block IX Slopedown Survey District, Section 1 Survey Office Plan 9639 and Section 1 Survey Office Plan 10255, RT SL8D/456			Option 1		
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Lot 1 DP 3613 and Section 1 Survey Office Plan 9465, RT SL155/79			Option 1		
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Lot 2 DP 363843 and Lot 1 DP 13176 and Section 1-2 Survey Office Plan 9464 and Section 15 Block X Tuturau Survey District and Part Section 16 Block X Tuturau Survey District, RT 259751			Option 1		
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Lot 1 DP 363843, RT 259750			Option 1		
Matariki Forests	Lot 1 DP 12509, RT 407674	18				
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Section 61-62 Block III Wyndham Survey District, RT SL9B/866	3				

¹ Wind Turbine Generators: these are located on three landholdings.

² Option 1 is the transport route into the Wind Farm Site accessed from the west, via Thornhill Road (off Venlaw Road).

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<div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>	Lot 1 DP 15096, RT SL12A/655				Y ³	
Port Blakely Limited	Lot 2 DP 362693, RT 255758			Option 2 ⁴	Y	
Port Blakely Limited	Lot 4-7 DP 15305, Lot 1-4 DP 15076 and Lot 1 DP 15078, SL12B/81			Option 2	Y	
Port Blakely Limited	Section 26 Block II Slopedown Survey District, 265526			Option 2	Y	
The Salvation Army New Zealand Trust	Section 11, Section 16-17 and Part Section 9-10 Block II Slopedown Survey District, RT SLA4/151				Y	
The Salvation Army New Zealand Trust	Section 5 and Section 20-22 Block II Slopedown Survey District, RT SL17/134				Y	Y
Contact Energy Limited	Lot 1-3 DP 15305 and Lot 1 DP 15306, SL12B/80			Option 2		
Gore District Council, Southland District Council	Road reserve and unformed legal road (paper roads)			Option 1 and Option 2	Y	

³ No structures will be constructed on this property, however, an airspace easement may be required for the transmission line to cross over a small portion of this property.

⁴ Option 2 is the transport route into the Wind Farm Site accessed from the north, through the Port Blakely forest property, accessed from Davidson Road West (off Kaiwera Downs Road).

Resource Consents Required under the Southland District Plan

Rule	Rule Summary	Project Activity	Activity Status
Section 2.2 Biodiversity			
BIO.3	The clearance, modification or removal of indigenous vegetation that is not provided for as a permitted or controlled activity.	The Project will involve the clearance of approximately 64ha of indigenous vegetation, primarily to enable the construction of the access tracks and wind turbine foundations.	Discretionary
Section 2.9 Energy, Minerals and Infrastructure			
INF.4(1)	The construction of a new transmission line that is not provided for by another rule.	The construction a new 220kV transmission line to form the connection between the wind farm substation and the GIP.	Discretionary
INF.4(2)	The construction of new transformers, substations and switching stations that distribute electricity (including their ancillary buildings) that exceed 30m ³ in area.	A substation will be constructed on the Wind Farm Site and will up to approximately 2.5ha.	Discretionary
Section 3.1 Rural Zone			
RURAL. 3(1)	Earthworks disturbance that exceeds 1,000m ³ in volume in a 12 month period and alters the existing ground level by more than 5m in depth or 2m in height.	The construction of the Southland Wind Farm will involve approximately 1,734,000m ³ of cut within the Wind Farm Site.	Restricted discretionary
RURAL. 3(1)	Earthworks greater than 25m ³ within a riparian margin.	The Project will require earthworks exceeding 25m ³ within a riparian margin during the construction of access roads and wind turbine platforms.	Restricted discretionary
RURAL. 3(1)	The discharge of more than 500m ³ of cleanfill.	The construction of the Southland Wind Farm will involve the discharge of approximately 1,111,000m ³ of cleanfill to land within the Wind Farm Site and 665,000m ³ of cleanfill to be used as engineered fill within the Wind Farm Site.	Restricted discretionary
RURAL. 4(1)	All other activities not provided for by another rule associated with the construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the wind farm.	The construction of the Southland Wind Farm involves a range of activities and resource consent is sought under this rule for any activities that are not otherwise	Discretionary

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provided for by any other rule in the Southland District Plan.
