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Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 - Haldon Solar - Response to comments from invited parties

Lodestone Energy Limited thanks the Panel for the opportunity to provide responses to the comments received on its substantive application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 for the Haldon Solar Project.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank the Ministers, agencies, iwi authorities, local authorities, and other invited parties who took the time to review the application and provide considered comments. A number of those comments, including from Ministers of the Crown, were strongly supportive of the Project and explicitly recognised its significant regional and national benefits, particularly in relation to renewable electricity generation, energy security, and emissions reduction. Lodestone is grateful for that support and has carefully considered all feedback received.

As set out in the substantive application and reinforced through the supporting material lodged with this response, the Haldon Solar Project is a well-designed, carefully sited renewable energy development that delivers substantial benefits at both a regional and national level. These benefits include a meaningful increase in renewable electricity generation capacity, enhanced security of supply for Canterbury and the wider South Island, material contributions to New Zealand's climate change mitigation objectives, and significant economic and employment benefits. The Project has been deliberately shaped to manage and contain its effects, and any residual adverse effects can be appropriately addressed through conditions that are proportionate, workable, and consistent with the purpose of the Act.

Lodestone and its consultant team have carefully reviewed all comments received. Where appropriate, responses have been provided in the tabular Comments Register included as Attachment A. That register records approximately 148 individual comments and identifies, for each comment, the document or addendum that should be referred to for the detailed response.

How this response should be read

Given the volume of comments and the number of parties involved, Lodestone has adopted a structured approach to its response material to assist the Panel. Rather than repeating similar responses across multiple individual comments, substantive responses to recurring themes are consolidated into a series of topic-specific addenda prepared by the Applicant and their technical, planning, and legal advisers. The Comments Register therefore functions as a navigation tool, directing the Panel to the relevant addendum where each matter is addressed in full.

To assist the Panel, a summary of the response documents lodged with this letter is set out in Appendix A.

Taken together, these materials are intended to provide the Panel with a clear, efficient pathway to assess the comments received, the Applicant's responses, and the merits of the Project as a

whole. Lodestone considers that the information now before the Panel provides a robust and complete basis on which to determine the application in accordance with the purpose and decision-making framework of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance to the Panel.

Yours faithfully



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Appendix A - Summary of response documents and addenda

| Document | Document File Name |
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| Cover Letter | 1. Cover - Haldon Solar - Response - FTAA-2508-1097 |
| Regional and National Benefits | 2. Benefits - Haldon Solar - Response - FTAA-2508-1097 |
| Ecology Framework | 3. Ecology - Haldon Solar - Response - FTAA-2508-1097 |
| Invertebrates Survey & Update | 3a. 875.016840.00001_Lodestone Haldon Solar Invertebrates_20260209 |
| Lizards Survey & Updates | 3b. Lizard Assessment |
| Avifauna Literature Review and Monitoring Design | 3c. Report_PJID00131_BirdMonitoringAtSolarFarms |
| Ecological Expert Witness Statements | 3d. Peter Espie |
| | 3e Tony Payne |
| | 3f SLR Consulting |
| | 3g Proteus |
| Legal responses | 4. Legal - Memorandum of Counsel - Response |
| Planning & Policies | 5. Planning Evidence - Haldon Solar - Response - FTAA-2508-1097 |
| CRC Amended Conditions | 5a. CRC Amended Conditions |
| MDC Amended Conditions | 5b. MDC Amended Conditions |
| Boffa Miskell Response to MDC Peer Review | 5c. BM240408_Haldon_Solar_Landscape_Response_to_MDC_Review |
| Cumulative Effects Discussion | 6. Cumulative Effects - Haldon Solar - Response - FTAA-2508-1097 |
| Landscape & Visual Cumulative Effects | 6a. BM240408_Haldon_Solar_Farm_Cumulative_Effects_Memo_20260122 |
| Iwi & Cultural Management | 7. Mana Whenua - Haldon Solar - Response - FTAA-2508-1097 |
| Comments Register | 0. Issue-Comments Register |