

Appendix F: Archaeological Authority

SOUTHLAND WIND FARM –ARCHAEOLOGICAL AUTHORITY

Authority Number: 2026-602

Determination Date: 2 April 2026

Expiry Date: 2 April 2036

Authority Holder: Contact Energy Limited

Postal Address: PO Box 10742, Wellington 6143

Archaeological Sites:

Works will take place in proximity to:

- > G46/17 – Venlaw Musterer’s;
- > G46/13 – Artefact find; and
- > Potential sites, as yet unrecorded.

Location: The Southland Wind Farm Project Site, Slopedown, Venlaw Road, Southland, identified on the map included in Appendix 1 to these conditions.

Section 45 Approved Person: Russell Cook

Landowner Consent: Landowner consent has been provided to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to satisfy clause 6(1) of Schedule 8 Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

Determination:

The FTAA Expert Consenting Panel grants an archaeological authority pursuant to section 81 of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 and section 48 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 in respect of the archaeological sites described above, within the areas specified in the location above, to Contact Energy Limited for earthworks associated with constructing a wind farm at Slopedown, Southland (archaeological works), subject to the following conditions:

No.	Condition
1	<p>An Archaeological Management Plan for the Southland Wind Farm Project (AMP) must be prepared in consultation with Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) and be provided to and approved in writing by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga prior to any works commencing.</p> <p>The Authority must be exercised in accordance with the AMP, which must include a discovery protocol in accordance with Condition 4 and provisions for identification and avoidance of G46/17.</p> <p>Any changes to the AMP require the prior written agreement of Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) and must be submitted to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga for written approval.</p>
2	<p>At least five working days prior to the commencement of earthworks activities required for the construction of the Southland Wind Farm Project, the Authority Holder must ensure that Heritage New</p>

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	Zealand Pouhere Taonga and Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) are advised of the date when earthworks will commence.
3	The Authority Holder must ensure that all contractors working on the construction of the Project are briefed on site by the section 45 approved person, who may appoint a person to carry out the briefing on their behalf, prior to any works commencing. The briefing must include the possibility of encountering archaeological evidence, location of and avoidance measures for G46/17, how to identify possible archaeological sites, the archaeological work required by the conditions of this authority, and contractors' responsibilities with regard to discovering archaeological evidence (including stopping works and parties to notify).
4	If kōiwi tangata (human skeletal remains), taonga or archaeological artefacts are discovered during all phases of the Project construction and operation, the Authority Holder must, without delay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="304 837 1401 869">a) Cease all work within a 50m radius of the discovery and secure the area;<li data-bbox="304 898 1401 1010">b) Notify the section 45 approved person, Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku), Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, and in the case of kōiwi tangata (skeletal remains) the New Zealand Police;<li data-bbox="304 1039 1401 1189">c) Enable a site inspection by the section 45 approved person and Te Ao Marama Inc. with the appropriate Rūnanga, and their advisors, who shall determine the nature of the discovery and the further action required in accordance with the Guidelines for Kōiwi Tangata/Human Remains (AGS8 2014);<li data-bbox="304 1218 1401 1285">d) Any kōiwi tangata or taonga shall only be handled and removed by rūnaka representatives responsible for the tikanga (custom) appropriate to its removal and preservation;<li data-bbox="304 1314 1401 1382">e) Ensure that the further action identified in accordance with part (c) of this condition is undertaken; and<li data-bbox="304 1411 1401 1561">f) Upon completion of tasks (a) to (e) above, and provided all statutory permissions have been obtained, the Authority Holder may recommence site construction following consultation and agreement with Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku), Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, and in the case of kōiwi tangata, the New Zealand Police.
5	The section 45 approved person (or a person appointed on their behalf) and a representative from Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) must be invited to be present during any earthwork activities that are undertaken within 100m of the archaeological site identified as G46/13 as shown on Figure Archaeology-2 (Part G) included in Part G to the substantive Application, and any earthworks that may affect any other archaeological site that is discovered within the Southland Wind Farm Project Site.
5A	The Authority Holder shall submit to HNZPT written updates on progress of the Project and archaeological results to date on an annual basis from the date of commencement of archaeological works.

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No.	Condition
6	The Authority Holder must ensure that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) are advised of the completion of the construction of the Southland Wind Farm Project within two working days of completion.
7	Within 20 working days of the completion of the on-site archaeological work associated with this Authority, NZAA Site Records must be updated in ArchSite based on accepted archaeological practice in the event any new archaeological sites are discovered, and in accordance with tikanga as advised by local rūnaka representatives for archaeological finds relating to Māori.
8	Within 20 working days of the completion of the on-site archaeological work associated with this Authority, the Authority Holder must ensure that an interim report completed to the satisfaction of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023) is submitted for inclusion in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library. The report must also be provided to Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku).
9	Within 12 months of the completion of the on-site archaeological work, the Authority Holder must ensure that a final report, completed to the satisfaction of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023), is submitted for inclusion in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library. Digital copies of the final report must also be sent to the NZAA Central Filekeeper, Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) and the relevant landowner/s.

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Appendix 1: Location and Areas Covered by this Authority

