

Decision under section 47 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**[September 2025]****DECISION ON COMPETING APPLICATIONS [AND EXISTING RESOURCE CONSENTS] for the Southland Wind Farm under section 47 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

1. This document records the EPA's decision on whether the substantive application submitted by Contact Energy Limited on 29 September 2025 (the application) has a competing application [and existing resource consent] under section 47 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).
2. In consultation with consent authorities and administering agencies the application **does not** have a competing application for the purposes of section 47(3) of the Act.
3. The EPA **has not** received notice from the consent authority or administering agency that a competing application has been determined and any rights of appeal that relate to that application have been exhausted or have expired under section 47(5).
4. In consultation with consent authorities and administering agencies the application **does not** have existing resource consents for the purposes of section 47(8) of the Act.
5. This record of the EPA's decision constitutes notice under section 47(7) that a panel may be set up for the application.

Conflict of interest

6. The Minister has delegated the Minister's functions, powers and duties under section 47 to the EPA under section 47(10) of the Act in an instrument of delegation dated 4 February 2025.
7. The EPA Board has delegated the decision-making power in section 47 to me under an instrument of delegation dated 5 February 2025. I confirm that I do not have any conflict of interest in respect of this application that would prevent me making this decision.

Signed

Ben Bond
Team Leader, Fast Track Consents

Dated: 30 September 2025