
Formal Objection: Fast-Track Application for the Proposed Foxton Solar Farm

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I am writing to formally state my strong opposition to the Genesis Energy fast-track application for the 180–220 MWp solar farm across Wall Road and Motuiti Road. As a close neighbor living immediately adjacent to this proposed 400+ hectare site, I do not support or agree with this industrial development. It drastically dismantles the rural character of our neighborhood, threatens the financial value of our residential asset, and imposes severe health, safety, and environmental risks on our family and animals.

I urge the Expert Panel to reject this application. If it is allowed to proceed under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, the following non-negotiable conditions must be enforced to protect our property, our well-being, and our livelihoods:

- **Immediate Threat to Resident and Animal Well-being:** The proposal to conduct high-impact construction activities 6 days a week is entirely unacceptable. This relentless, intensive schedule poses a direct threat to the mental and physical health of local residents who are being denied adequate weekend rest. Furthermore, the persistent noise, heavy machinery movement, and ground vibrations will cause extreme distress, anxiety, and welfare issues for our livestock and household pets, risking panic-induced injuries and health complications. Construction must be strictly limited to Monday through Friday only.
- **Significant Flooding and Drainage Risks:** The massive scale of the proposed earthworks, site tracking, and the installation of thousands of hard-surface solar arrays will permanently alter the natural hydrology and water runoff flows of the land. I am highly concerned this will cause immediate stormwater pooling and severe flooding on our property. We demand an independent, localized hydrological assessment. Genesis must be required to engineer and maintain comprehensive, fail-safe perimeter drainage networks to ensure absolutely zero excess water or diverted runoff enters neighboring properties.
- **Financial Loss and Visual Ruin:** Converting productive rural land into a massive industrial utility site directly destroys our local landscape amenity and devalues our home. To mitigate this visual and financial blow, mature, fast-growing 4-metre screening barriers must be planted at the absolute start of any site works to isolate our home from glare, dust, and industrial eyesores.
- **Vibration Damage Indemnity and Baseline Surveys:** The extensive pile driving required for the tracking tables will shake our local ground. Genesis must legally indemnify all immediate neighbors against structural or cosmetic damage. They must fund independent, professional pre- and post-construction building surveys for our home to guarantee financial accountability for any cracks or structural shifting caused by their work.
- **Enforceable Complaint Shutdown Protocol:** We require a direct, 24/7 hotline to a senior project manager. If noise, vibration, or dust levels breach residential thresholds, or if our

livestock show visible signs of distress, the project must have a legal mandate to cease operations immediately until the issue is entirely resolved.

We chose to purchase our land and build our forever home and live in this specific location explicitly for the rural peace, quiet, and uninterrupted lifestyle that it provided. The scale and six day weekly schedule of this project will completely destroy that lifestyle for years to come. Because of this severe, unavoidable disruption, we expect and demand direct financial compensation from Genesis Energy to account for the total loss of our lifestyle amenity.

Please provide a formal, written acknowledgment of receipt of this email and log our objection accordingly. We expect a direct response detailing how our concerns and our demand for compensation will be addressed.

Regards,

Rob & Michelle Calderbank