

Annexure 1 - Panel Draft Conditions dated 26 June 2026

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64.	The Ecological Management Plan may be amended at any time. Any amendments must be prepared in consultation with the Department of Conservation and must be: a) only for the purpose of: i. improving ecological outcomes; or ii. applying best practicable measures to mitigate adverse effects; b) consistent with the conditions of this resource consent; and c) submitted in writing to the Mackenzie District Council for certification, prior to any amendment being implemented.	Advice note redundant.
65.	The Consent Holder must undertake the activities authorised by this consent in accordance with the certified Ecological Management Plan at all times.	Improved certainty
	Technical Review Panel	
66.	The Consent Holder must establish a Technical Review Panel comprising representation from the Kaitiaki Governance Group, Mackenzie District Council, Canterbury Regional Council and the Department of Conservation prior to the commencement of construction works on the solar farm. Meetings of the Technical Review Panel must be convened at the initiation of solar farm operation (the first generation of electricity), and the first, second, fifth and tenth anniversaries of the solar farm operations for the following purposes: a) to develop the applied ecological research programme and to administer the approval process for funding of applied ecological research b) to review the results from ecological monitoring and applied ecological research undertaken in accordance with the requirements of this consent; c) to recommend amendments to ecological management plans and ecological monitoring programmes arising from the review of ecological monitoring results; and	Improved certainty More comprehensive oversight appropriate Moved from below

	d) to review and confirm compensation recommendations should any of the avifauna adaptive management triggers set out in condition 121 be reached. . In addition to the above, on the tenth anniversary of solar farm operations, and based on a further review of the outcomes of all monitoring and mitigation undertaken as required by this consent, the Technical Review Panel must make a final determination on any requirement for ecological compensation in response to any residual ecological effects from the construction and operation of the solar farm that have not been avoided, mitigated or offset. The scale and nature of any compensation determined by the Technical Review Panel must be commensurate with the actual residual impacts that have been identified and will be binding on the Consent Holder. The Technical Review Panel must design and administer a programme of statistically robust applied ecological research and monitoring designed to improve the knowledge and understanding of effects of solar development in dryland environments, including: a) the effects of panel shading and associated microclimatic change on dryland vegetation, Threatened and At Risk plant species, and basking and other open-habitat invertebrates; b) the efficacy of salvage, propagation, translocation and relocation of Threatened and At Risk plants and invertebrates; c) bird-strike collision rates and mechanisms, and the reliability of the carcass-detection methodologies; and d) the ecological gains actually delivered by providing a compensation area, predator-exclusion fencing and pest management (including reduction and control). The Applied Research Programme must include independent peer review of research methods and reporting, have access to all monitoring data and reporting required by conditions of this consent, and publication where appropriate. Advice Note: <i>The Kaitiaki Governance Group, Mackenzie District Council, Canterbury Regional Council and/or the Department of Conservation may appoint an independent expert on their behalf to fulfil this role.</i> Advice Note: <i>Technical Review Panel and compensation elements of this condition were proposed on an Augier basis by the Applicant.</i>	Shifted from applied research condition below and improved certainty. Improved certainty/workability
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	Advice Note: <i>If representatives invited to participate in the Technical Review Panel advise the Consent Holder that they do not wish to participate, the Consent Holder will not be deemed non-compliant with this condition. For the avoidance of doubt, the Consent Holder must still demonstrate that reasonable steps have been taken to invite the participants in accordance with this condition.</i>	
67.	The Technical Review Panel will determine its own processes and procedures for conducting its meetings and decision-making process. The Technical Review Panel may engage other specialist services for purposes of technical review or input on an as-required basis at the reasonable cost of the Consent Holder.	
68.	The Consent Holder must provide an appropriate level of funding and administrative support for the Technical Review Panel to enable it to fulfil its functions.	More than administrative support will be required, especially with bringing the research programme into the above conditions
	Compensation Area and Release Sites	Consistent terminology
69.	In order to achieve the outcomes of the certified ecological management plan, the Consent Holder must establish and maintain a compensation area of approximately 180 ha in size located to the north of the solar site and lizard and invertebrate release sites (as shown on Attachment 4) for the purpose of: a) maintaining and enhancing an area of outwash plain ecosystem with ecological values similar to the solar farm site including through appropriate native plantings and deployment of habitat features (e.g. boulders (boulderfield) or coarse wood for the purpose of enhancing habitat and carrying capacity for invertebrates, lizards or threatened plants; b) providing bird foraging and nesting habitat in a pest-controlled environment; c) improving the likelihood of survival of relocated salvaged invertebrates and facilitating the recovery of resident invertebrates;	Improved certainty