

Ngā Hapū o Himatangi
Ngāti Te Au, Ngāti Rakau, Ngāti Turanga

22 June 2026

Genesis Energy

Email: [REDACTED]

Subject: Update to comments on the Foxton Solar Farm Fast-track application under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Tēnā koe,

I write on behalf of Ngā Hapu o Himatangi, a collective of three hapū of Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga (Ngāti Rakau, Ngāti Te Au, and Ngāti Turanga, collectively Ngā Hapū). This letter clarifies Ngā Hapū o Himatangi position on matters as a result of further discussion between Genesis and Ngā Hapū since Ngā Hapū comments dated 16 June were provided under section 53 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 in support of the application made by Genesis Energy Limited (Genesis) for the Foxton Solar Farm (the project).

I set out below a table summarising how Ngā Hapū have and Genesis collectively agreed to address the matters identified in the Ngā Hapū comments.

Ngā Hapū support the dual approach of managing any potential issues or matters of interest through both the requirements in the application documentation and/or conditions, and through a separate agreement it has with Genesis. The continuing partnership and active engagement between Genesis and Ngā Hapū will ensure all values are appropriately addressed throughout the project's lifecycle.

Nāku noa, nā



Debbie Te Puni

For and on behalf of Ngā Hapū o Himatangi

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Ngā Hapū Comment from 16 June letter	Position of Ngā Hapū following further discussion with Genesis
1. Recognition of Ngā Hapū o Himatangi as an affected tangata whenua party for the purposes of ongoing engagement throughout the life of the project.	This is appropriately reflected in the relationship agreement between Ngā Hapū and Genesis, and Ngā Hapū does not seek anything further in the consent conditions.
2. Retention and strengthening of the proposed requirements for pre-construction hui and site blessing opportunities to ensure Ngā Hapū o Himatangi has a meaningful role in these processes.	Ngā Hapū is comfortable that this has been suitably addressed and does not seek anything further in the consent conditions.
3. Retention and strengthening of the Accidental Discovery Protocol provisions, including direct notification of Ngā Hapū o Himatangi in the event that kōiwi tangata, wāhi tapu, archaeological material or taonga are discovered during earthworks.	Ngā Hapū understands that a comment received from Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga requests an amendment to the accidental discovery condition proposed. Ngā Hapū accepts the following amendments to this condition: <i>In the event of a suspected archaeological site, <u>wāhi tapu</u>, <u>taonga</u>, or <u>kōiwi tangata</u> being discovered or disturbed during the exercise of this resource consent, the following will apply:</i> a. <i>Work must cease immediately within 20m of the suspected site;</i> b. <i>Ngā Hapū o Himatangi, the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Regional Archaeologist, HDC, and MWRC's Consents Monitoring Team must be notified immediately;</i> c. <i>If the site is of Māori origin, the Consent Holder must invite Ngā Hapū o Himatangi, and if accepted give Ngā Hapū o Himatangi an opportunity to undertake appropriate tikanga, so long as all statutory requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 and the Protected Objects Act 1975 are met;</i> d. <i>If kōiwi (human remains) are encountered, the New Zealand Police must also be advised immediately. No further work in the area may take place until future actions have been agreed between Ngā Hapū o Himatangi, the Consent Holder, and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.</i> <i>Further work at the site must not resume until Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga gives written approval for work to continue. An application for an archaeological authority may be required.</i> <i>Advice note: The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Regional Archaeologist can be contacted on (04) 494 8324</i>
4. Provision for tangata whenua cultural monitoring during significant earthworks and ground disturbance activities where appropriate.	This is appropriately provided for in the relationship agreement between Ngā Hapū and Genesis, and Ngā Hapū does not seek anything further in the consent conditions.
5. A requirement for Genesis Energy Limited to meet with Ngā Hapū o Himatangi at least annually during construction and operation of the solar farm to discuss environmental performance, cultural matters, monitoring outcomes and any emerging issues.	This is appropriately provided for in the relationship agreement between Ngā Hapū and Genesis, and Ngā Hapū does not seek anything further in the consent conditions.

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6. Provision of environmental and ecological monitoring reports to Ngā Hapū o Himatangi, including reports relating to avifauna, biodiversity, wetlands, drainage management and environmental restoration. We note and support the proposed requirement for ecological monitoring information to be available to Ngā Hapū o Himatangi and request that this provision remain in the final consent conditions.	Ngā Hapū does not seek anything further in the consent conditions.
7. Opportunities for whānau and uri associated with Ngā Hapū o Himatangi to participate in environmental enhancement initiatives, biodiversity restoration projects, planting programmes and employment opportunities associated with the development where appropriate.	This is appropriately provided for in the relationship agreement between Ngā Hapū and Genesis, and Ngā Hapū does not seek anything further in the consent conditions.
8. Inclusion of cultural awareness and cultural induction requirements for all contractors and project personnel working on the site to ensure an understanding of local cultural values and responsibilities.	Genesis and Ngā Hapū have agreed on the following proposed addition to consent conditions: <i>“detail of cultural awareness and cultural induction requirements for all contractors and project personnel working on the site” as a matter to be included in the Construction Environmental Management Plan.</i>
9. Provision of relevant management plans prepared under the consent conditions, including the Construction Environmental Management Plan, Landscape Management Plan, Emergency Response Plan and Decommissioning Plan, to Ngā Hapū o Himatangi for information and engagement where cultural values may be affected.	Genesis and Ngā Hapū have agreed on the following proposed addition to consent conditions: <i>“all certified management plans listed in Table 4, including any updates must be provided to Ngā Hapū o Himatangi”</i>
10. Ngā Hapū o Himatangi notes that the Expert Panel has appointed an independent acoustic advisor to review the applicant's noise assessment and proposed conditions. We support this approach and request that the review carefully consider both construction and operational noise effects on neighbouring residents, marae communities and customary activities within the wider Himatangi area. Should the independent review identify a need for additional mitigation measures, Ngā Hapū o Himatangi supports the inclusion of such measures within the final consent conditions	Ngā Hapū o Himatangi remains interested in the outcome of the independent acoustic advisor's recommendations.