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22 July 2026

To: Honourable Raynor Asher KC Chair,

The Point Solar Farm Expert Panel

Re: Response to Minute 21 – Bunding, Planting Plan,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments and thank the Panel for inviting us to give our response.

This letter addresses Minute 21, which requested confirmation on whether an agreement has been reached with Far North Solar Farm (FNSF) regarding the proposed bunding and planting plan.

We acknowledge that a compromise has been achieved on certain matters.

Specifically, although we initially requested a 2-metre-high bund to ensure adequate visual screening, the parties have agreed to a 1.5-metre-high bund.

While this does not fully meet our original request, we accept it as a reasonable compromise.

However, two substantive issues remain unresolved.

1. Proposed Use of the Easement Across Lot 1

We continue to hold concerns regarding FNSF's proposal to utilise the easement that bisects our property (Lot 1) for operational access following the construction phase.

We refer the Panel to the response prepared on our behalf by our lawyers Gresson Dorman, dated 14 May 2026.

The first four pages of that report outline in detail our concerns and the questions that remain unanswered regarding the proposed shift from using the Bendrose Farm access during construction to using our easement for long-term operational access.

We also reiterate our position that the Bendrose Farm access should remain the primary access route for all vehicle movements at all stages of the project.

We have attached that response for your convenience.

2. Request for Financial Compensation

Our request for financial compensation has been declined, and this remains an unresolved matter.

We acknowledge and appreciate the efforts made to mitigate anticipated noise, dust, and visual effects associated with the development.

However, these measures do not fully address the impacts arising from the proposed access route and its long-term implications for our property.

We wish to emphasise that we are not opposed to the solar farm itself.

Our concerns relate specifically to the proposed access arrangements and the resulting effects on our whenua and the lifestyle we had anticipated enjoying on our property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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