



Comments on project under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

Foxton Solar Farm, FTAA-2510-1121

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Introduction

1. Genesis Energy Limited (Applicant) has lodged an application for the Foxton Solar Farm (project) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the FTA Act).
2. HNZPT was not consulted prior to the Applicant lodging its substantive application.
3. There are no recorded archaeological sites or listed heritage places located within the project area.
4. The Applicant has not applied for an archaeological authority as part of the substantive application.
5. In accordance with section 53(2)(k) of the FTA Act, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) has been invited to comment on the substantive application as the administering agency for the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

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Archaeological Authority

6. HNZPT has reviewed the archaeological assessment prepared for the substantive application: Appendix L Archaeological assessment.
7. The archaeological assessment identifies that it is unlikely that the project works will encounter unrecorded archaeological material. Therefore, an archaeological authority is not required and that works can proceed using accidental discovery protocol to be appropriate. HNZPT agrees with this assessment and recommends that an accidental discovery protocol is contained as a condition of consent.

Draft Conditions

8. HNZPT has reviewed the draft conditions proposed by the Applicant: Updated appendix T Proposed conditions, provided 14 May 2026.
9. HNZPT considers that condition A9 must be amended to include reference to the requirements of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 and the Protected



Objects Act 1975, both of which may apply in the event of an accidental discovery. The condition must also be amended to correctly note that HNZPT is the only party who can give approval for work to continue following an accidental discovery.

10. As such, HNPZT recommends changes as follows:

Proposed condition number	Recommended conditions (additions <u>underlined</u> , deletions striketrough)
A9 Accidental Discovery	Accidental discovery A9. In the event of a suspected archaeological site being discovered or disturbed during the exercise of this resource consent, the following will apply: a) Work must cease immediately within 20 metres of the site. b) The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Regional Archaeologist, the Horowhenua District Council's Consent Monitoring Team, and the Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council's Consents Monitoring Team must be notified immediately. c) If the site is of Māori origin, Ngā Hapū o Himatangi must also be notified to enable appropriate tikanga to be undertaken, so long as all statutory requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 and the Protected Objects Act 1975 are met. d) 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. 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. Advice note: <i>The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Regional Archaeologist can be contacted on (04) 494 8324.</i>

Conclusion

11. HNZPT considers that the Application is able to be approved subject to amendments to the conditions as set out above.