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**Cc:** [FTAreferalls](#)  
**Subject:** Invitation to comment on Fast-track referral application for the Rangitikei Solar Farm project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 – FTAA-2605-1232  
**Date:** Monday, 8 June 2026 9:20:33 am  
**Attachments:** [Comments Form for Invited Ministers.docx](#)

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To:

- Minister for Economic Growth
- Minister for Regional Development
- Minister for the Environment
- Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti
- Minister for Māori Development
- Minister for Energy
- Minister of Climate Change

**NOTE - This project lodged an application after 31 March 2026, therefore a 15-day comment period applies.**

Dear Ministers,

Hon Chris Bishop, the Minister for Infrastructure (the Minister), has asked for me to write to you on his behalf.

The Minister has received an application from FRV Services New Zealand Limited for referral of Rangitikei Solar Farm project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) to the fast-track process (application reference FTAA-2605-1232).

The purpose of the Act is to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits.

### **Invitation to comment on referral application**

I write in accordance with section 17 of the Act to invite you to provide written comments on the referral application. I have provided summary details of the project below.

If you wish to provide written comments, these must be received by **return email** within **15 working days** of receipt of this email, being **29 June 2026**. The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame. Any comments submitted will contribute to the Minister's decision on whether to accept the referral application and to refer the project.

If you do not wish to provide comments, please let us know as soon as possible so we can proceed with processing the application without delay.

If the Minister decides to accept the application and to refer the project, the Applicant will need to complete any preliminary steps required under the Act and then lodge their substantive application for the approvals needed for the project. An expert panel will be appointed to decide the substantive application.

### **Process**

The application documents are accessible through the Fast-track portal. Please note that application documents may contain commercially sensitivity information and should not be shared widely. If you haven't used the portal before, you can request access by emailing [ftareferalls@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ftareferalls@mfe.govt.nz). Once you are registered and have accepted the terms and conditions, you will receive a link to view the documents. Existing users will be able to see application documents via the request when logging into the portal. Should you need for your agency to provide any supplementary information, a nominated person can be provided access to the portal, access can be requested by emailing [ftareferalls@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ftareferalls@mfe.govt.nz).

To submit your comments on the application, you can either provide a letter or complete the attached template for written comments and return it by replying to this email, [infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:infrastructure.portfolio@parliament.govt.nz).

Before the due date, if you have any queries about this email or need assistance with using the portal, please email [contact@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:contact@fasttrack.govt.nz). Further information is available at <https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/>.

### Important Information

Please note that all comments received from Ministers invited to comment will be subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Comments received will be proactively released at the time the Minister for Infrastructure makes a referral decision, unless the Minister providing comments advises the Minister for Infrastructure's office they are to be withheld, at the time they are submitted.

If a Conflict of Interest is identified by the Minister providing comments at any stage of providing comments, please inform my office and the Cabinet Office immediately. The Cabinet Office will provide advice and, if appropriate, initiate a request to the Prime Minister to agree to a transfer of the project/portfolio invite to another Minister (a request to transfer a COI from one Minister to another can take 1-7 days).

### Project summary

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| <b>Project name</b>        | Rangitikei Solar Farm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Applicant</b>           | FRV Services New Zealand Limited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Location</b>            | Mamaku Plateau                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Project description</b> | <p>The project is for the construction and operation of a large-scale wind farm covering land parcels of approximately 3,800 hectares the Mamaku Plateau, located between State Highway 29, Pyes Pā Road (State Highway 36), and State Highway 5, therefore between Tauranga and Rotorua, in the Bay of Plenty. The project includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. approximately 70 turbines (maximum tip height of 266 metres),</li><li>b. substations and an on-site battery energy storage system, internal roading, crane pads and turbine foundations, and both overhead and underground cabling, including grid connection infrastructure.</li><li>c. ancillary works include laydown areas, batching plants, vegetation clearance, earthworks, and water takes.</li><li>d. ongoing operation and maintenance of the turbines and associated infrastructure, with grid connection to the Tarukenga–Kaitemako 220 kV transmission line, for which Transpower approval has been confirmed.</li></ul> <p>The project will enable generation of approximately 1.39 Terawatt Hours (TWh) of electricity annually, with an installed capacity of around 453.6 Megawatts (MW), equivalent to power around 196,000 households.</p> |

Kind regards,



#### Office of Hon Chris Bishop

Attorney-General | Minister of Housing | Minister for Infrastructure | Minister Responsible for RMA Reform | Minister of Transport | Associate Minister of Finance | MP for Hutt South

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8 June 2026

FTAA-2605-1232

Michael McCartney  
Chief Executive  
Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Michael

**Invitation to provide written comments on the referral application for the Rangitikei Solar Farm project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

**Note:** Comments must be received by **29 June 2026, 11.59PM.**

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Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

Any written comments you provide must be received within **15 working days** of receipt of this letter and copy of the application (refer to the due date above). The Minister is not required to consider information received outside of this time frame.

Under section 17(3) of the Act, Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council **must** provide comments advising on the following matters:

- 1. Any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please provide written confirmation.*

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2. *In relation to projects seeking approval of a resource consent under section 42(4)(a) of the Act, whether there any existing resource consents issued where sections 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) could apply, if the project was to be applied for as a resource consent under the RMA. If no such consents exist, please provide written confirmation.*

In addition, under section 17(3)(b), Manawātū-Whanganui Regional Council **may** also provide other comments, however, any such comments must be relevant to the **referral** application and the decisions that the Minister is required to make under section 21 of the Act. This requirement is new, made through the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Act 2025 and is to ensure comments from organisations that recover costs from applicants are focused on relevant matters that are material to the Minister's decision on whether to accept and refer the project.

For a referral application, the focus is limited to the criteria in [Section 22](#) of the Act, compared to the substantive application stage which requires comprehensive technical reports and detail. If the project is referred to the fast-track process, there may be an opportunity to provide detailed comment on a substantive application.

In considering the criteria, I invite you to provide comments on the following matters:

3. *whether you consider the project may involve an ineligible activity, and if so, why (as defined in section 5 of the Act)*
4. *whether you consider any of the reasons to decline a referral application may be applicable to this application, and if so, why [section 21(5)].*

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Yours sincerely

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Stephanie Frame

**Manager – Fast-track Operations**

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Appendix A: Project summary details

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8 June 2026

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Barbara Ball  
Chair  
Mōkai Pātea Waitangi Claims Trust

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Barbara

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Nāku noa, nā

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Stephanie Frame  
**Manager – Fast-track Operations**

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Chris Shenton  
General Manager – Lands and Environment  
Ngā Wairiki-Ngāti Apa Charitable Trust

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Chris

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Stephanie Frame  
**Manager – Fast-track Operations**

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Charmaine Brown  
Trustee  
Ngāti Parewahawaha

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Charmaine

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8 June 2026

FTAA-2605-1232

Brett Gliddon  
Chief Executive  
NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Brett

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Stephanie Frame  
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8 June 2026

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Carol Gordon  
Chief Executive  
Rangitīkei District Council

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Carol

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Under delegation from the Minister and in accordance with section 17(1)(a) of the Act, I invite Rangitīkei District Council to provide written comments on the referral application, a copy is available via the applications portal.

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Under section 17(3) of the Act, Rangitīkei District Council **must** provide comments advising on the following matters:

- 1. Any applications that have been lodged with the Council that would be a competing application or applications if a substantive application for the project were lodged. If no such applications exist, please provide written confirmation.*

In addition, under section 17(3)(b), Rangitīkei District Council **may** also provide other comments, however, any such comments must be relevant to the **referral** application and the decisions that the Minister is required to make under section 21 of the Act. This requirement is new, made through the Fast-track Approvals Amendment Act 2025 and is to ensure comments from organisations that

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recover costs from applicants are focused on relevant matters that are material to the Minister's decision on whether to accept and refer the project.

For a referral application, the focus is limited to the criteria in [Section 22](#) of the Act, compared to the substantive application stage which requires comprehensive technical reports and detail. If the project is referred to the fast-track process, there may be an opportunity to provide detailed comment on a substantive application.

In considering the Minister's decision-making criteria, I invite you to provide comments on the following matters:

2. *whether you consider the project may involve an ineligible activity, and if so, why (as defined in section 5 of the Act)*
3. *whether you consider any of the reasons to decline a referral application may be applicable to this application, and if so, why [section 21(5)].*

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Yours sincerely

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Robert Martin  
General Manager  
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Hauiti

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Robert

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Freeman Paul  
Chief Executive  
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s 9(2)(a)

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James Kilty  
Chief Executive  
Transpower New Zealand Limited

s 9(2)(a)

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| Applicant name          | FRV Services New Zealand Limited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Project summary details | <p>The project is to construct, operate, maintain and where necessary, end-of-life decommissioning of a utility scale solar farm with a peak output of approximately 220 MWac (Megawatts Alternating Current) on a project area of approximately 507 hectares, located at 119 and 178 Colemans Road, 206 and 240 Tūtaenui Road and 65 Calico Line, near Marton in the Rangitikei District.</p> <p>The project includes infrastructure and ancillary activities to connect and supply electricity to the National Grid that will comprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. solar arrays installed on a single-axis tracking system or fixed-tilt mounts, inverters and transformers, underground cabling</li> <li>b. a 190-megawatt (MW) battery energy storage system (BESS)</li> <li>c. a new electricity transmission substation and associated connection to the Transpower overhead transmission lines running through the project site</li> <li>d. ancillary infrastructure such as access, internal roads, roading upgrades, buildings for storage, maintenance and offices, water tanks and security fencing and lighting</li> <li>e. landscape planting and ecological enhancement (screen planting, native riparian planting and pest control management) along watercourses and site boundaries.</li> </ul> <p>The project will require the proposed approvals under the fast-track approvals process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).</li> </ul> |