

Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

Foxton Solar Farm Application [FTAA-2510-1121]

Genesis Energy Limited

Horowhenua District Council (HDC) Response to Panel Convenor

15 April 2026

1. This memorandum is in relation to the proposed Foxton Solar Farm [FTAA-2810-1121], located between Wall and Motuiti Roads, approximately 5 kms north east of Foxton and east of SH 1, which is filed under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024.
2. HDC has been involved in this project through pre-application discussions with Genesis Energy and the circulation of various materials including viewing a full draft of the application.
3. HDC is continuing to engage with the applicant post lodgment of the application.
4. HDC will be attending a site visit with the applicant and Horizons on 28 April 2026.
5. HDC and the applicant have an agreement in place regarding the matter of payment of costs, with agreement regarding invoicing the applicant for any time which cannot be invoiced directly to the EPA.
6. HDC is in the process of reviewing the proposed draft conditions included in the application. It is anticipated that further discussions will occur and an updated set of conditions provided – if there are any outstanding areas of disagreement then these will be highlighted and the reasons identified.
7. HDC is comfortable with the proposed timeframe in Schedule 1 and support the alternative timeframe put forward by Genesis.
8. HDC is comfortable that the legal, evidentiary and factual complexity of the application is able to be understood.
9. HDC have no issues that have arisen during pre or post lodgment consultation and engagement.

10. HDC and Horizons have been working together to provide two agreed names for the panel recommendation. HDC considers that panel members would ideally cover legal, planning and Māori views. HDC does not consider that more than four panel members are necessary.
11. HDC is willing to engage directly with the panel as necessary.
12. HDC assesses that the solar farm may have localized effects that are of concern to immediate neighbours and iwi. HDC takes comfort in the fast track process providing an opportunity for immediate neighbours and iwi to highlight their concerns to the panel.
13. HDC confirms attendance at the Convenors Conference on Tuesday 21 April, and will be represented by Craig Auckram, Senior Planner and Jin Humphreys, Planning Manager.

If you have any questions regarding this statement, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Craig Auckram

SENIOR PLANNER

HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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