

**Resource Consent:** AUTH147564.09.01

**Grants to:** Matamata Development Limited

**Commencement date:** 21 April 2026

**Lapse Date:** Ten (10) years after commencement date

**Expiry date:** ~~This consent expires when construction activities cease on the site for more than one (1) year.~~ **21 April 2036.**

**Location:** Station Road, Matamata (Lot 2 Deposited Plan 567678)

**The activity:**

Land use consent (section 9 of the Resource Management Act 1991) to drill below the water table for the purpose of dewatering during construction to develop a solar farm ('Northern Solar Farm') comprising c14,700 solar panels and two power transformers (11kV).

**And is subject to the following conditions:**

**General conditions**

1. The activity must be carried out in general accordance with the application for resource consent, including any reports, plans, and further information (listed in Appendix [1]) provided by the Consent Holder, and in accordance with the following conditions of consent. Where there is any apparent conflict between the application documents and consent conditions, the consent conditions will prevail.
2. For the purposes of this consent, any reference to 'Site' means land legally described as Lot 2 Deposited Plan 567678 prior to any further subdivision of the land.
3. The Consent Holder must advise the Waikato Regional Council (the Council) in writing, at least five (5) working days prior to works commencing on Site, so that monitoring of the conditions of this consent can be undertaken.
4. A copy of this consent must be kept on Site at all times that the works authorised by this consent are being undertaken and must be produced without unreasonable delay upon request by the Council.
5. The Consent Holder must pay to the Council any administrative charge fixed in accordance with Section 36 of the RMA, or any charge prescribed in accordance with regulations made under Section 360 of the RMA.

*Advice note: This includes the reasonable costs incurred by the Council arising from supervision and monitoring of this permit, e.g. routine inspection of the Site by Council officers or agents, liaison with the Consent Holder, responding to complaints or enquiries relating to the Site, and review and assessment of compliance with the conditions of consents.*

6. The Council may serve notice on the Consent Holder under Section 128(1) of the RMA of its intentions to review the conditions of this consent over any chosen one-month period within a calendar year where:
  - a. A material adverse effect which was not identified in the AEE (and supporting material for the resource consent application) has arisen; or

- b. The magnitude of adverse effects from the project are materially larger than what was indicated in the AEE (and supporting material for the resource consent application).

### **Condition precedent**

7. This resource consent must not be exercised until:
  - a. The Consent Holder has supplied an electronic file(s) containing all documents referred to in Appendix [1], indexed and referenced to enable easy access, to the satisfaction of the Council as follows:
    - i. Each document must be allocated a unique document number.
    - ii. The file containing the document must be named in accordance with the following convention:  
*Unique Document Number-Document Title-Author-Document date-Document Version.*
    - iii. Documents that have been superseded must be marked "superseded" with reference to the final version.

### **Construction conditions**

8. If the bores are not drilled within three months of this consent being granted, the Consent Holder will notify the Council in writing ten (10) working days prior to the anticipated date of bore drilling.
9. The bores will be constructed and maintained so that each well will not cause cross contamination between hydraulic units (aquifers) in any water.
10. The bores will be completed and sealed such that leakage of water or contaminants to or from the ground surface is prevented.
11. Materials used for bore construction will be of such quality and strength to enable the bores to be completed without casing or seal leakage during construction or subsequent operation.
12. If a bore is to be used for taking water, it will be located at least 50m horizontally from a surface waterbody.
13. Upon completion of a bore, contaminants introduced to the well during drilling and construction will be removed.
14. If artesian conditions are encountered, a conductor casing will be grout sealed to ensure control of potential flowing artesian ground water and to prevent instability of the ground at the bore head. Bore head completion will be such that ground water leakage under flowing artesian pressures is prevented.
15. The Consent Holder will submit a log for each bore drilled to the Council within one (1) month of drilling being completed. Each log must show:
  - a. The location of the bore (indicated on a site diagram).
  - b. Date of completion.
  - c. Duration of drilling.

- d. Depth and diameter of the bore.
  - e. The method of drilling.
  - f. Full construction details.
  - g. The subsurface geology.
  - h. Full results of any tests (e.g. bore yield, temperature, water quality) undertaken on the drilled bore.
16. The activity will not disturb any archaeological site or waahi tapu as identified in the Matamata-Piako District Plan or by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga except where an archaeological authority has been obtained.

**Decommissioning conditions**

17. Abandoned or obsolete bores must be identified and decommissioned to prevent contamination. If a bore is to be decommissioned, then it must be properly capped and sealed by a suitably qualified and experienced drilling company to ensure that contaminants are prevented from entering the bore.
18. The Consent Holder will notify the Council in writing within twenty (20) working days of the bore being decommissioned. Notice will include details of the decommissioning process and the company that undertook the decommissioning works.

**APPENDIX 1**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document Version</b>
Ashbourne Development Hydrogeological Effects Assessment (WGA241087)	WGA	June 2025	C
AEE – Volume 3: Solar Farms	Barker and Associates	14/07/2025	A