

**Table 1. Assessment of The Point Solar Farm against SASM Provisions.**

Provision	Comment
<p>Objective SASM-O1: Rakatirataka is recognised by supporting mana whenua to exercise kaitiakitaka over SASM.</p>	<p>The Point Solar Farm has been developed in a manner that recognises the presence and importance of mana whenua through engagement with mana whenua. The Applicant has engaged with mana whenua since lodging the substantive application and provided opportunities for input into site design and management, including proposed consent conditions.</p> <p>Proposed consent conditions (filed 21 April 2026) include specific mana whenua conditions, developed by Ngāti Tahu. The conditions provide for a Kaitiaki Forum and Strategic Cultural Monitoring Programme, which provides opportunities for mana whenua to exercise kaitiakitaka over the solar farm site.</p>
<p>Objective SASM-O2: The relationship of mana whenua with their values within SASM is sustained and community awareness of the values of SASM is encouraged.</p>	<p>The proposal does not directly affect any mapped SASM sites or known wāhi tapu sites. Any potential effects are appropriately managed through engagement and construction management measures, including the Accidental Discovery Protocol and Strategic Cultural Monitoring Programme proposed as consent conditions.</p>
<p>Objective SASM-O3: Inappropriate subdivision, use and development within SASM is avoided.</p>	<p>The proposal is not located within a mapped SASM overlay and does not involve modification of any identified scheduled site.</p>
<p>Objective SASM-O4: The ability of mana whenua to access, maintain and use mahika kai and nohoaka sites of cultural value is enhanced.</p>	<p>The Applicant would be willing to work with mana whenua to identify mahika kai and nohoaka areas on the site and provide access, if practicable. Proposed consent conditions requiring a Kaitiaki Forum and Strategic Cultural Monitoring Programme enable further opportunities for this.</p>
<p>Policy SASM-P2: Ensure consultation with the relevant mana whenua is undertaken where activities have the potential to adversely affect SASM and their values.</p>	<p>Engagement with mana whenua is ongoing and will continue throughout the lifespan of the project. Furthermore, proposed consent conditions provide ongoing opportunities for engagement with mana whenua, including the Strategic Cultural Monitoring Programme.</p>
<p>Policy SASM-P3: Enable mana whenua to undertake mahika kai within SASM in accordance with tikaka.</p>	<p>The Applicant would be willing to work with mana whenua to assist with providing access to mahika kai sites, where practicable.</p>
<p>Policy SASM-P4: Maintain existing access to SASM for mana whenua and encourage landowners to explore opportunities and methods to provide new access to SASM, where requested by mana whenua.</p>	<p>The Applicant would be willing to work with mana whenua to assist with providing new access to SASM, where practicable.</p>
<p>Policy SASM-P5:</p>	<p>The Applicant would be willing to work with mana whenua to identify opportunities for restoring and enhancing areas of indigenous vegetation that supports mahika kai. This is</p>

Encourage restoration and enhancement of indigenous vegetation that supports mahika kai.

supported by the provision of a Strategic Cultural Monitoring Programme, as a consent condition.

It is also noted that extensive on-site planting is proposed by the Applicant, which will improve indigenous vegetation values on site.