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Dear Panel

Re: Contact Southland Wind Farm Project

Thank you for your Minute dated 19 November 2025 inviting the Gore District Council to comment on Contact Energy Limited's application under sections 53 and 54 of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).

The application is for the construction, operation and maintenance of a wind farm and associated infrastructure in Slopedown, Southland (referred to as the **Southland Wind Farm Project**). The application has been reviewed as detailed on the Governments Fast-track projects website.

Comments on behalf of Gore District Council on the Southland Wind Farm Project, as requested under Section 53(2), include the following condition to replace TR3:

TR3: The costs for any local physical improvement works undertaken on the roading network to accommodate access to the Project Site (including replacement or upgrading of existing bridges and culverts which do not currently have the capacity to carry the proposed loads) shall be met by the Consent Holder. The Consent Holder shall submit design plans and any other relevant details of these proposed works to the relevant road controlling authority for approval a minimum of ten working days prior to the commencement of these works. The Consent Holder shall be responsible for all costs associated with the assessment, for approval, by the relevant road controlling authority.

It is acknowledged that the original condition wording of TR3 does not negate the requirement for Contact Energy to gain approval from the relevant road controlling authority, however, the amended wording makes this explicit for clarity. The applicant, being Contact Energy, has agreed to this wording.

Should you require any further information with regard to the above, please contact Mishka Banhidi – Consultant Planner via email at Mbanhidi@propertygroup.co.nz

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mishka Banhidi', written in a cursive style.

Mishka Banhidi
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