

SOUTHLAND WIND FARM – PROPOSED ARCHAEOLOGICAL AUTHORITY APPROVAL CONDITIONS (UPDATED DECEMBER 2025)

Authority Number: [TBC] **File Reference:** [TBC]

Determination Date: [TBC] **Expiry Date:** [TBC]

Authority Holder: Contact Energy Limited

Postal Address: PO Box 10742, Wellington 6143

Archaeological Sites:

Works will take place in proximity to:

- > G46/17 – Venlaw Musterer’s;
- > G46/13 – Artefact find;
- > Potential sites, as yet unrecorded.

Location: The Southland Wind Farm Project Site, Slopedown, Venlaw Road, Southland, identified on the map included in Appendix 1 to these conditions.

Section 45 Approved Person: Russell Cook or any other person approved under section 45.

Landowner Consent: Contact has the consent from all landowners subject to this Archaeological Authority.

Determination:

This archaeological authority is granted under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, and has the same force and effect as if it were granted under section 48 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, to enable the Southland Wind Farm Project, subject to the following conditions.

No.	Condition
1	The Authority shall be exercised in accordance with the Archaeological Management Plan for the Southland Wind Farm Project, which shall include an accidental discovery protocol in accordance with Condition 2. Any changes to the plan require the prior written agreement of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku).



No.	Condition
New	At least five working days prior to the commencement of earthworks activities required for the construction of the Southland Wind Farm Project, the Authority Holder shall ensure that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) are advised of the date when earthworks will commence.
New	The Authority Holder shall ensure that all contractors working on the construction of the Project are briefed on site by the section 45 approved person, who may appoint a person to carry out the briefing on their behalf, prior to any works commencing. The briefing must include the possibility of encountering archaeological evidence, how to identify possible archaeological sites, the archaeological work required by the conditions of this authority, and contractors' responsibilities with regard to discovering archaeological evidence (including stopping works and parties to notify).
2	<p>If kōiwi tangata (human skeletal remains), taonga or archaeological artefacts are discovered during all phases of the Project construction and operation, the Authority Holder shall, without delay:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cease all work within a 50m radius of the discovery and secure the area; b) Notify their nominated archaeologist, the relevant District Council, Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku), Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, and in the case of kōiwi tangata (skeletal remains) the New Zealand Police; c) Enable a site inspection by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and Te Ao Marama Inc. with the appropriate Rūnanga, and their advisors, who shall determine the nature of the discovery and the further action required; d) Any kōiwi tangata or taonga shall only be handled and removed by rūnaka representatives responsible for the tikanga (custom) appropriate to its removal and preservation; e) Ensure that the further action identified in accordance with part (c) of this condition is undertaken; and f) Upon completion of tasks (a) to (e) above, and provided all statutory permissions have been obtained, the Authority Holder may recommence site construction following consultation and agreement with the relevant District Council, Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku), Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, and in the case of kōiwi tangata, the New Zealand Police.
5	The section 45 approved person (or a person appointed on their behalf) and a representative from Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) shall be invited to be present during any earthwork activities that are undertaken within 100m of the archaeological site identified as G46/13 as shown on Figure Archaeology-2 (Part G) included in Part G to the substantive application, and any earthworks that may affect any other archaeological site that is discovered within the Project Site.

No.	Condition
New	The Authority Holder shall ensure that Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) are advised of the completion of the construction of the Southland Wind Farm Project within two working days of completion.
New	Within 20 working days of the completion of the on-site archaeological work associated with this Authority, NZAA Site Records shall be updated in ArchSite based on accepted archaeological practice in the event any new archaeological sites are discovered, and in accordance with tikanga as advised by local rūnaka representatives for archaeological finds relating to Māori.
New	Within 20 working days of the completion of the on-site archaeological work associated with this authority, the Authority Holder shall ensure that an interim report completed to the satisfaction of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023) is submitted for inclusion in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library. The report shall also be provided to Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku).
New	Within 12 months of the completion of the on-site archaeological work the Authority Holder shall ensure that a final report, completed to the satisfaction of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and following the Archaeological Report Guideline (AGS12 2023), is submitted for inclusion in the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Archaeological Reports Digital Library. Digital copies of the final report must also be sent to the NZAA Central Filekeeper, Te Ao Marama Inc. (on behalf of Ngā Rūnaka ki Murihiku) and the relevant landowner/s.



APPENDIX 1

Location and Areas Covered by this Authority