

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

Resource consent applications: CRC240932, CRC240933, and RM230057

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The Mackenzie District Council and Canterbury Regional Council have received applications from Far North Solar Farm Limited (the applicant) for resource consents to construct and operate a solar array over 670ha of land within the 968ha property at State Highway 8, Lake Benmore. The property is the land parcel bordered by the Tekapo and Pūkaki Rivers to the east, the Twizel River to the west, and the Ōhau River and Lake Benmore to the south.

The applicants have applied for the following resource consent from the Mackenzie District Council:

RM230057 – Construct and operate of a 420-megawatt peak (MWp) photovoltaic solar farm over an area of approximately 670ha. The proposed activity includes associated structures (medium voltage substations, inverters, main control room, SCADA data room and staff office), fencing, earthworks, access, internal tracks, the laying of underground cables and vegetation clearance.

The applicants have also applied for the following resource consents from the Canterbury Regional Council:

CRC240932 – To discharge operational-phase stormwater to land. This stormwater would be rainwater runoff from the solar panels, tracks, and other installations at the site, and would drain directly to land within the site.

CRC240933 - To discharge construction-phase stormwater to land. This stormwater would be generated from rainwater interacting with exposed areas of land during construction of the site, including upgrades to tracks and works to install the solar arrays.

SUBMISSIONS

Full details of the joint consent application documents, including the Assessment of Environmental Effects and any plans or maps that accompanied the applications can be viewed at Environment Canterbury offices at 200 Tuam Street, Christchurch, online at <https://www.ecan.govt.nz/do-it-online/resource-consents/notifications-and-submissions/notified-consents/>; the Mackenzie District Council office at 53 Main Street, Fairlie, or online at: <https://www.mackenzie.govt.nz/rates-building-and-property/resource-consents-information-and-applications/notified-resource-consents>.

Any person may make a written submission on any of the above applications.

All submissions should be sent to Environment Canterbury, PO Box 345 Christchurch 8140; or emailed to hearings@ecan.govt.nz; or made online <https://ecan.govt.nz/do-it-online/resource-consents/notifications-and-submissions/notified-consents/> A copy of the submission must also be sent to the Applicant at the address for service detailed above.

A submission should include your name, address and phone number and the applicants name and consent application number. A submission must state your reason for submitting, whether

you support, oppose or have a neutral view on the applications; and if you wish to be heard in support of your submission.

For advice on the application: contact Environment Canterbury phone (03) 353-9007, or 0800 ECINFO (0800 324 636) or email ecinfo@ecan.govt.nz; or Mackenzie District Council on 0800 685 8514 and ask to speak to the Duty Planner, or email: planning@mackenzie.govt.nz.

Submissions must be received by Environment Canterbury no later than 5p.m. on Thursday 1 February 2024.

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