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Tēnā koe Richard,

### **BALMORAL STATION – SOLAR ARRAY RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION**

Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua (Arowhenua) and Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited (AEC) wish to thank you for the opportunity to be involved in the selection process for the proposed site, visits to the site, discussions regarding the restoration of existing wetlands and the reviewing of draft consent conditions for a proposed solar array resource consent application prepared by Boffa Miskell on behalf of Balmoral Station.

Arowhenua and AEC understand the proposed solar array is to be located within Balmoral Station, on a site historically used for cultivation with fertiliser application to enhance the growth of exotic grass. Arowhenua and AEC also understand the site adjoins Braemar Road along its northern boundary with a 33kV line, running down the opposite side of the road, therefore, the site has good vehicular access as well as access to the local line network. The site is flat and is bordered by a mature shelterbelt that is 15-20m in height. In addition to these values, the site contains two wetland areas and an indigenous lizard population that will be enhanced with wetlands restoration and the relocation of the lizards from a man-made environment to a more natural environment that is free of predators.

The ability for Arowhenua and AEC to work closely with Balmoral Station and Boffa Miskell (through Infratec), review the draft Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) and supporting documentation as well as the suite of proposed draft conditions has given AEC the confidence that any onsite adverse effects arising from the proposed solar array will be adequately managed and the site enhanced to ensure any adverse effects are avoided, remedied and/or mitigated.

Arowhenua and AEC do not oppose the proposed solar array resource consent application. Arowhenua and AEC look forward to working with Infratec and Balmoral Station on future site restoration and monitoring projects.

Please contact the writer if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi,

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