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Glen Massey Fast Track referral application

Assessment in relation to relevant National Policy Statements and National Environmental Standards

National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011 (NPS-REG)

- The proposal recognises the benefits of renewable energy and the need for renewable energy facilities to be located in a practical manner. The project has a functional and operational need to be in this location, whereby very little new or upgraded infrastructure will be required beyond the Site to enable the transmission of generated power back to the national grid.
- The proposal will result in a number of benefits including contributing to the New Zealand Government's national target for renewable energy.
- The proposal is located in close proximity to North Island centre of growing electricity usage and demand (Auckland and Hamilton). Auckland is anticipated to reach a population of 2 million people within the next decade or so, which requires new sources of electricity generation to support growth in residential and employment activities.
- The proposal will suitably mitigate any potential for residual adverse effects which may incorporate offsetting and compensation where there are effects on ecological values. The final package of mitigation measures will be addressed at the time of resource consent.
- Overall, the proposal is consistent with the outcomes sought under the NPS-REG.

National Policy Statement on Highly Productive Land 2022 (NPS-HPL)

- Not relevant to the proposal as the site contains no Highly Productive Land, as per the interpretations provided in the Policy Statement (not classed as predominantly LUC 1-3).

National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity 2023 (NPS-IB)

- The National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) is not a relevant consideration for the Project as it is a renewable electricity generation activity and therefore specifically excluded from the NPS-IB by Clause 1.3(3) which states:

“Nothing in this National Policy Statement applies to the development, operation, maintenance or upgrade of renewable electricity generation assets and activities and electricity transmission network assets and activities. For the avoidance of doubt, renewable electricity generation assets and activities, and electricity transmission

network assets and activities, are not “specified infrastructure” for the purposes of this National Policy Statement”

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM)

- Any land modification (vehicle and construction access, turbine foundations) located in proximity to streams and natural wetlands will be managed in terms of the best practice methodologies (consistent with WRC guidelines) so as to effectively manage stormwater and minimise the loss of sediment into these freshwater natural features.
- No stream diversions or reclamations, or wetland reclamations, are proposed or necessary.
- Overall, the project is consistent with the NPS-FM.

National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD)

- Not relevant to the proposal.

New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010 (NZCPS)

- No part of the project area is in the coastal environment.

National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2020 (NES-F)

- Resource consent will be required for any earthworks within 100m of a wetland.
- The project will not involve the removal of wetlands or reclamation of streams.
- The project will protect freshwater streams and wetlands through maintaining suitable setbacks for both earthworks and turbine platforms.

National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health 2011 (NES-CS)

- A contamination assessment will identify any concerns and resource consents may be required to address any identified site-specific areas.

National Environmental Standard for Electricity Transmission Activities 2009 (NES-ETA)

- The NES-ETA only applies to existing high voltage electricity transmission lines. They do not apply to the construction of new transmission lines or to substations and it does not apply to distribution lines (lines that carry electricity from substations to electricity users).
- As such, this NES is not applicable, as no upgrades are proposed to the existing 220kV National Grid which will be utilised to distribute the generated power.