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Hi Max

As far as we can ascertain, this application does not involve any public conservation land. Although subject to Part 4A of the Conservation Act, we are not aware that marginal strips would be in scope as the project area does not include any water bodies or their margins.

This site has not been specifically advised to DOC before now, so we have little information on species or habitats in the area except for certain lizard species. There is a nearby breeding population of threatened black fronted terns on an island in the Ohau River which requires DOC to maintain a predator trapping programme on or adjacent to the site. We understand this could continue alongside the proposal. There may be species present considered taonga for Ngāi Tahu, or which may require wildlife approvals, but this is not currently known.

At this stage, we have no information to suggest that this project would be ineligible for consideration under Fast Track.

Regards

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Kia ora Neil

Please find attached the application material for listed project application FTA020 Ohau A Solar Farm.

The application does not indicate approvals are required under the Conservation Act but the project record of title shows DOC-managed marginal strip.

Could you please let us know anything you're aware of that would render this project ineligible under Clause 18, or any relevant Treaty settlement provisions you are aware of?

If possible, please provide feedback by 5pm Monday 13 May.

Max Gander-Cooper (he/him)

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