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Sent: Monday, 20 May 2024 2:26 pm
To: Neil Deans [EXTERNAL] (DOC)
Cc: Listed Projects; Anna Galvin; Erin Cairns
Subject: [IN-CONFIDENCE]Feedback on FTA035 Rotokawa Solar Farm
Attachments: 035.01 - response-ANON-URZ4-5FJH-2 (1).pdf; 035.02 - Site Map.pdf; 035.03 - ROTs.pdf; 035.04 - Draft Rotokawa Solar Farm - Effects Assessment.pdf; 035.05 - Draft Rotokawa Solar Farm - Statutory Assessment.pdf

Kia ora Neil

The listed project application is for FTA035 Rotokawa Solar Farm There do not appear to be any previous applications through a standard resource consent process.

Contacting you as:

- Habitats of native species are identified or likely to be affected as part of a project
 - *DOC have previously expressed concerns about the solar panels impact on native bats.*
- Any advice in the application on effects of proposal on taonga species as identified in Treaty settlements for the area.
 - *Two DOC protocols in settlements with Te Arawa River Iwi and Tūwharetoa both have species management protection in their protocols.*
 - *Also the Tūwharetoa agreement includes the management of land within the Lake Rotokawa Scenic Reserve located to the southwest of the site but the applicants states does not include the project site which we need DOC to confirm.*

Could you please provide comment on:

- whether the project requires any DoC-related approvals
- if you are aware of anything that would render the project ineligible under clause 18 of the Bill
- if you are aware of any Treaty settlement matters (including protocols) which relate to the project site
- any other relevant matter

The Advisory Group are still considering solar farm projects this coming week.

If possible, could you please provide your feedback by COB **23 May 2024** at the latest.

Please feel free to let me know if there is anything I can do to assist.

Ngā mihi

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