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Dear Christina Walker

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – request for further information
–Tauhei Solar Farm Project**

Thank you for your application to refer the Tauhei Solar Farm Project, received on 5 October 2021, to an expert consenting panel for consideration under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 (FTCA).

Under delegated authority from the Minister for the Environment (the Minister), I am writing to request the following further information under section 22 of the FTCA:

1. is the lease agreement mentioned in the application currently in place?
 - (a) if so, who are the parties to the lease and what is the lease period?
 - (b) if not, when is the lease proposed to be signed and are there any potential barriers to it being signed?
2. in regards to works required to connect to Transpower assets:
 - (a) are any works proposed as part of this project or are these works subject to a separate approval process?
 - (b) has Transpower agreed to undertake works required to connect to Transpower assets and if so when are these works likely to be completed?
 - (c) are any works required to connect to Transpower assets anticipated to delay project delivery?
3. in regards to the location of underground cables located outside the main project site:
 - (a) can you provide a map indicating where cables are proposed to be located under roads or in road reserves as this forms part of the project site?
 - (b) have discussions commenced with the Matamata-Piako District Council about using the road reserve for the proposed underground cables?
 - (c) if not, are there any potential barriers to agreements being reached to carry out works within the road reserve and occupy the road reserve?



4. financial and other supporting information to demonstrate that the project will be able to deliver on the employment and investment certainty objectives of the FTCA Act. For example, you may wish to provide:
 - (a) information outlining how the project will be funded including any parties likely to fund the construction (in full or part)
 - (b) business referees
5. whether the applicant is an overseas person under that definition in the Overseas Investment Act 2005 (OIA) and whether any Overseas Investment Office approvals, exemptions, or call-in notifications are required for the development to proceed; either because the land is sensitive land, the development is a significant business asset within the OIA, or for any other reason.

Please provide the required information via return email within 10 working days so that the Minister can take it into account in deciding whether or not to accept the referral application.

Yours sincerely

Stephanie Frame
Manager, Fast-track Consenting Team

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