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NZ Windfarms Limited
c/- Stephen Gascoigne
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Dear Stephen Gascoigne

**COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020 – request for further information
– Te Rere Hau Wind Farm: Aokautere Extension Project**

Thank you for your application to refer the Te Rere Hau Wind Farm: Aokautere Extension Project 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. What approvals are required to undertake the upgrades to public roads referred to in the application? If you aren't able to obtain those approvals, will that affect project delivery?
2. Does the project scope need to be expanded to include any additional land to enable connection to either the Te Rere Hau and Tararua Substations, or to the Bunnythorpe to Linton transmission line?
3. Are any additional approvals required to connect to either a substation or transmission line? If you aren't able to obtain those approvals, will that affect project delivery?

Please provide the required information via return email within 10 working days so that the Minister can take it into account when deciding whether to accept the referral application.

Please note the Minister is not required to consider information provided after this time but may do so at his discretion. To ensure there is sufficient time for the application to be considered

through the referral process before the FTCA is repealed, it is suggested you compile the requested information in full as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Rebecca Perrett
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