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3 August 2022

Waikato Solar Farms Limited and Transpower NZ Limited
c/- Alana Lampitt
Partner
Chapman Tripp
Email: s 9(2)(a)

Dear Alana Lampitt

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

Thank you for your application to refer the Waiterimu Solar Farm 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. Additional information on whether the number of jobs created by the project include design, and engineering or whether they are related to construction, and information to support the contribution of \$170 million to GDP. This could take the form of an economic assessment.
2. Are any Overseas Investment Office approval/s required for the project to proceed, given that the ultimate holding company for Waikato Solar Farms Limited is registered overseas? If so, please advise the status of the approval/s and comment on whether you anticipate this issue could potentially delay or otherwise impact on 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 he may do so at his discretion. Please email any requests to extend the timeframes for providing information, together with reasons for the request, to fasttrackconsenting@mfe.govt.nz before the due date.



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Berry'.

Madeleine Berry
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