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## **Proposed wind farm near Pahiatua | April update**

Kia ora koutou katoa,

We would like to inform you that our Fast-track referral application has been lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

The Minister for the Environment will now assess the application and decide if the consent can be processed using the existing Fast-Track consenting process (under the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023), rather than via the Tararua District Council and Horizons Regional Council pathway. We anticipate that this decision-making process could take two to three months.

To be clear, this does not mean we have lodged the final consent application or that detailed assessments have been finalised. It is a two-stage process, and the referral is the first stage.

### **What's next?**

Right now, we are waiting for the detailed assessment of effects to be finalised. We will have limited information to provide you during this period of waiting for a decision on the referral.

Among the detailed assessments still to be finalised is the Social Impact Assessment. The contact details of the Social Impact Specialist, Murray Ellis, were shared in last month's newsletter.

If you wish to take part in the assessment, please email: [murray@dialogue.co.nz](mailto:murray@dialogue.co.nz) to arrange a meeting with Murray. The last day for interviews is 15 May 2024.

We anticipate that we will have more information to share in two to three months when the referral decision is made. We are still planning on submitting a resource consent application in August this year.

We'd like to reassure you that we will be in touch via our email newsletter when there is news to report.

Ngā mihi nui,

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