

29 February 2024

Proposed wind farm near Pahiatua | February update

Kia ora,

Welcome to our second community update. Our detailed assessments are still being carried out and we are looking forward to sharing information with you at the upcoming community event.

Community event

We will be holding a community event on Wednesday 13 March 2024. The community requested more detailed information, so we have structured the next community event to run differently than the drop in event held in October 2023. The format of the next event will start with a presentation from our key specialists, followed by breakout sessions where you can ask our specialist questions.

Refreshments will be provided, and children are welcome.

Time and agenda item	Agenda item description
5.30pm – Event start	Welcome
5.45pm - Presentation	Key details shared from the team
7pm - Q&A session	A Q&A session with specialists (including landscape/visual, noise and ecology) *please note each specialist will have a designated area where they'll be able to answer your questions.

Update on the consenting pathway

Previously, we shared information about the three possible consenting pathways that could be used for the project. Yinson Renewables has decided to pursue the Fast-track consenting process that is available for renewable energy and other infrastructure projects.

This involves a two-step process through the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA): (1) making a Fast-track referral application to be accepted into Fast-track; and (2) if accepted into Fast-track, making a full resource consent application to the EPA.

We have started to prepare a referral application. Once this is lodged, the Minister for the Environment will decide whether the project is appropriate to proceed as a referred (Fast-track) project.

We will let you know when the referral application is lodged, and the outcome of the first step of the process. Further information on the Fast-track pathway can be found here: [Fast-track consenting | EPA](#).

The Panel who decides the outcome of the main consent application, is required to invite submissions from a range of stakeholders, affected parties, and authorities as identified on the Fast-Track EPA Consenting Website: [Submissions on fast-track consenting applications under the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 | EPA](#).

What next?

Our next monthly update will be in March. We will be moving to email updates, if you would like to receive the email update, please send your email to the address below. We will only be providing hard copies of the community update to people who request a hardcopy via the email or phone number below. Please email us at Pahiatuawind@aurecongroup.com or call us on 027 395 9352.

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