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Proposed wind farm near Pahiatua | Update

Kia ora koutou katoa,

As we advised on 30 April 2024, Pahiatua Wind Limited (a company owned by Yinson Holdings Berhad) applied to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the proposed Pahiatua Wind Farm to be referred into the Fast-track consenting process under the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023.

We would like to let you know that our application to use the Fast-track consenting process for the proposed wind farm was accepted by the Minister for the Environment last month, meaning the fast-track consenting process can be used for this Project.

Pahiatua Wind Limited is now proceeding with a substantive application for resource consent for the Project, which we expect to lodge with the EPA in early 2025.

Referral Application

Information about the Pahiatua Wind Farm referral application is available on the EPA website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/nbea-fast-track-projects/pahiatua-wind-farm/referral-application-for-pahiatua-wind-farm/>

On the EPA website you can view the Pahiatua project referral application, the Notice of Decision from the Minister on acceptance into Fast-track consenting and who was invited to comment on the referral application and their comments, among other documents.

Resource Consent Application

As noted above, Pahiatua Wind Limited aims to lodge the Fast-track resource consent application (also called a substantive application) with the EPA in early 2025. The substantive application will include a range of specialist technical reports (or impact assessments) which assess the effects of the proposed wind farm on the environment, including nearby neighbours and the community. This will include reports relating to noise, landscape and visual effects, shadow flicker, ecology, transport and other topics. You will be able to find a copy of the substantive application and all the specialist reports on the EPA website when it has been lodged.

The EPA website also includes an explanation of how the Fast-track consenting process works. An expert consenting panel will be appointed to assess and decide upon the application. The panel must invite submissions from the groups or persons specified under the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 Fast track process and may invite submissions from other groups or persons to whom the panel considers the activity is relevant. The panel can also request further information on the proposal and commission their own reports if necessary.

Further information

Further information on Fast-track consenting under the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 is available on the EPA website: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/fast-track-consenting/nbea/>. Information about the Pahiatua Wind Farm project is available on the Yinson Renewables website: <https://www.yinsonrenewables.co.nz/project-sites-pahiatua/>

Next steps

We will email you when the substantive application has been lodged in early 2025 with a link to all the relevant documentation.

Ngā mihi nui,

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On behalf of
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