

27 January 2025

Our reference: RC246059

Rā Tuatahi No. 1 Limited

Sent via email: isobel.stout@pdp.co.nz

Dear Isobel

s92 - Request for Further Information

I have reviewed your resource consent application **RC246059** to undertake the construction and operation of a 10ha solar farm at 80 Struie Road, Hororata

More information is needed so that I can better understand your proposal and its potential effects.

Further information

In accordance with section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, to better understand the adverse effects, notably in terms of landscape effects I request the following information:

1. Please confirm that any mitigation mentioned in the landscape effects assessment (in terms of planting off site) is secured by way of condition or would require a resource consent to remove. If not, please update the assessment to remove any reliance on this, noting off site landscaping that can be removed as of right cannot be relied upon to mitigate any effects.
2. The landscape assessment describes mitigation measures arising from both circumstantial site conditions and proposed landscaping – namely screen planting. The assessment also concludes that effects, (although it is not explicitly stated whether these are adverse), are low moderate and following mitigation will be low. Not described however, is what the actual adverse effects requiring mitigation actually are. Can the landscape architect please describe these, noting 1 above also.
3. Where relevant to landscape outcomes, could the landscape architect please address (albeit referred to in the assessment) the following operative and partially operative Selwyn District Plan provisions:
 - a. Operative Plan - Utilities Objectives B2.2.3 and Policies B2.2.6 / B2.2.7
 - b. Partially Operative Plan
 - i. Policy E1 – P2.b (see also E1 – MAT2)
 - ii. Policy E1 – P3 - that is, confirming the application site is not subject to the overlays cited in this policy
4. Please provide a plan that is representative of all planting throughout the site, indicating planting strip width, species and spacing. This should be in accordance with Figure 2 site plan included in the landscape assessment showing the location and extent of landscaping along the north, west and southern boundaries,

5. Please confirm the timing of any planting (immediately post consent, during construction, post construction) to understand how long the planting will take to establish and begin to mitigate any adverse effects.
6. Following the above, please provide confirmation of the assessed extent of change, based on the NZILA rating scale.

You must respond in writing to this request before Tuesday, 21 January 2025 and do one of the following:

- (a) Provide the information; or
- (b) Tell us that you agree to provide the information, but propose a reasonable alternative date; or
- (c) Tell us that you refuse to provide the information

Please note that if you do not respond in some way before 19 February 2025 or you refuse to provide the information requested, we are required to publicly notify your application. This will result in increased costs to you and take longer to process. It is important that you respond to this request; otherwise your application can be declined for lack of information.

I have put processing of your application on hold until we receive your complete response. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Gregg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jonathan Gregg
Consultant Planner