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Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy, which is available on the Council's website.

Your request for information was received on 27 September 2023 and related to Resource Consents for solar farms. Our response is below:

Question:

Can you please advise the details of any resource consent applications for solar farms that you currently have in progress or that have been approved in the last 12 months. The following details would be appreciated: Council reference number; site address; scale (i.e. installed capacity); applicant; Current application stage.

Response:

Council has received one application for a solar farm, the details are:

Council reference number: RM230007

Site address:

Scale: Based on the application, the total capacity of the proposed solar panel farm equates to 42 megawatt peak (MWp). The proposed solar farm is for utility-scale renewable energy generation, which will be connected to the local substation for supply into the local and wider area electricity network. The proposed solar farm will provide power to support 14,000 homes average load on a sunny day, and 46 GWh per year, which is the annual use of 5,700 home in a year.

Applicant: Far North Solar Farm Ltd

Current application stage: On hold, under section 92 of the RMA.

We are aware of two applications for solar farms that are awaiting lodgement with the EPA for solar farms in our District. You will need to contact the EPA for more information about these applications.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Rhonda Morris 027 294 7375.

Yours sincerely



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