

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT WELLINGTON

I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA
KI TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

IN THE MATTER of a direct referral of applications for resource consents and notices of requirement under section 87 of the Resource Management Act 1991 for the establishment and operation of a solar farm at 415 Moroa Road, and other roads - Greytown

BETWEEN FAR NORTH SOLAR FARM
LIMITED

(ENV-2023-WLG-000014)

Applicant

MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT

(6 DECEMBER 2023)

- [1] By Minute dated 29 November 2023, the Court sought further information from the parties on four s274 notices. This Minute responds to those matters and addresses some matters raised by parties following the issue of Case Track Directions dated 16 November 2023.

S274 Notices

Andrew Heaton

- [2] Mr Heaton has filed an application for waiver of time in relation to his late s274



FAR NORTH SOLAR FARM LIMITED

Notice. The application is granted and Mr Heaton's s274 notice is accepted.

Jaimee Burns

- [3] The Applicant has confirmed it sees no prejudice in granting Ms Burn's application for leave to join the proceedings under s274(1)(d) of the Act. For the reasons set out in the Minute dated 29 November 2023, Ms Burns application is granted.

Peter Isaac and Jill Greathead

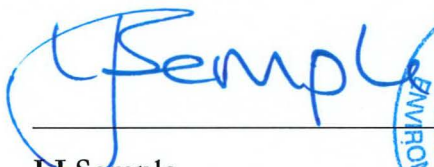
- [4] The Applicant has confirmed it sees no prejudice in granting Mr Isaac and Ms Greathead's applications for leave under s274(1)(d) of the Act. For the reasons set out in the Minute dated 29 November 2023, the applications are granted.

Case Track Directions

- [5] By email dated 5 December 2023, Mr van Steensel and Ms Neerincx have sought clarity on the case directions.
- [6] The Court directs the parties' attention to the Practice Note which can be found on the Environment Court website at <https://environmentcourt.govt.nz> . Section 5 of that Practice Note outlines how cases are managed within the Environment Court system with Section 5.3 specifically outlining the case management tracks. This matter is on a standard track.
- [7] The purpose of issuing case track directions (such as those issued on 16 November 2023), is to seek information from the parties which can then be utilised by the Court in managing the case and progressing resolution of the issue(s) in question in the most timely and efficient manner possible.
- [8] Where the term "directions" is used, it is simply the Court requesting a party to provide certain information to the Court in order that the case can be progressed. In some instances, the Court will direct one party to report to the

Court after gathering information from the other parties. This is seen in the direction to the applicant to consult with the other parties before filing a reporting memorandum answering the Court's questions (paragraph 1 of the Case Track Directions). A memorandum in that context is simply a communication to the Court from a party setting out those matters the Court has asked for information on.

- [9] An advisor or Friend of Submitters is sometimes appointed to assist laypeople in navigating a Council or Court process. More information about this can be found at Section 6.2 of the Practice Note.
- [10] Mediation is a form of alternative dispute resolution. Information on this process can be found at Section 7 of the Practice Note.



LJ Semple

Environment Judge

