

**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 s 87G of the Resource Management Act 1991 to establish and operate a 175-megawatt (peak) solar farm at 415 Moroa Road, Greytown, 312 Bidwills Cutting Road, Greytown; 1942 State Highway 2, Greytown and 18 Pharazyns Road, Featherston

BY FAR NORTH SOLAR FARM  
LIMITED

(ENV-2023-WLG-000014)

Applicant

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**MINUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT  
(20 DECEMBER 2023)**

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[1] The Court acknowledges receipt of the memorandum from counsel for the Applicant dated 18 December 2023.

[2] With respect to the appointment of a Process Advisor/Friend of the Submitters, the South Wairarapa District Council is directed to consult with the Applicant to agree an appropriate candidate and advise the Court and s 274 parties by 5pm on 15 January 2024. The Court will then make that appointment.

[3] The parties' position on mediation is noted. Mediation will not be scheduled ahead of the evidence exchange timetable however there may be merit in mediation



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after expert conferencing and the Court will leave that matter until then.

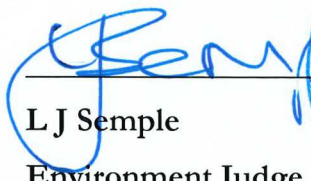
[4] The Court grants the request for electronic service of documents and directs:

- all documents relating to the direct referral process may be filed in electronic form with the Court by email to [Jennifer.Gerritsen@justice.govt.nz](mailto:Jennifer.Gerritsen@justice.govt.nz);
- all documents relating to the direct referral process may be served in electronic form on all parties by email (using the email addresses recorded in the Court's Parties List and copying in Environment Court Case Manager Jennifer Gerritsen at [Jennifer.Gerritsen@justice.govt.nz](mailto:Jennifer.Gerritsen@justice.govt.nz));
- as a secondary measure, all documents will be uploaded to the Environment Court website. Parties should note that file sizes are limited to 32MB and upload may not occur contemporaneously with the filing of documents.

[5] The timetable set out in paragraph 16 is noted. I consider some of the timeframes to be ambitious given the number of unrepresented parties and accordingly make the following timetabling order:

- (a) the Applicant to file with the Court and serve on all parties its evidence-in-chief by 4pm on Wednesday, 14 February 2024;
- (b) 15 working days later: The Council to file with the Court and serve on all parties its evidence-in-chief by 4pm on Wednesday, 6 March 2024;
- (c) 20 working days later: Submitters to file with the Court and serve on all parties their evidence-in-chief by 4pm on Friday 5 April 2024;
- (d) 10 working days later: All parties to file with the Court and serve on all other Parties any rebuttal evidence by 4pm on Friday, 19 April 2024;
- (e) 5 working days later: The Applicant is to file four hard copies of all evidence and the common bundle of documents with the Court by 4pm on Monday 29 April 2024.



  
L J Semple  
Environment Judge

