

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATION RELATING TO RESOURCE CONSENT TO BE DETERMINED BY  
ENVIRONMENT COURT**

**To:** South Wairarapa District Council

1. We, Far North Solar Farm Ltd, request that you allow the following application lodged by us to be determined by the Environment Court instead of by you:

An application for a resource consent.

2. Far North Solar Farm Ltd seeks land use consent (consent ref. RM220103) 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. The proposal includes:

- 321,160 photovoltaic solar panels on tracking tables, with a maximum height of 4.5 m above the ground.
- 40 inverters and associated electricity infrastructure.
- Associated site works and site accessways.
- Screen planting.

Resource consent is sought as a **discretionary activity** under the provisions of the Wairarapa Combined District Plan. An unlimited consent duration is sought pursuant to section 9 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

3. The reasons for the request are as follows:

- The submitters are well informed and in some cases are recognised experts in the matters relevant to Council's consideration under s104 of the RMA.
- Elected Local Board members in some submissions have been confirmed by the Applicant.
- Against this background, the application process would benefit from the comprehensive range of case management tools available to the Court.
- The strength of the opinions within the community indicates that, in all likelihood, this application would inevitably be appealed to the Environment Court if heard by Council in the first instance.

*Theresa Le Bus.*

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Signature of person authorised to sign  
on behalf of Far North Solar Farm Ltd

9 June 2023

Date

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**Note to requester**

If the consent authority determines that the application is incomplete, or if it receives the request after it has determined that the application will not be notified, or if it decides not to notify the application, it must return the request.

You may make this request only in the period starting on the day on which the application is made and ending 5 working days after the date on which the period for submissions on the application closes.