

Waitomo District Council

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of an application by Taumatotara Wind Farm Limited to vary conditions of a land use consent for the Taumatotara Wind Farm (TWF) that was originally granted consent in 2008 from a site (Section 12 and Section 22 Block V Kawhia South Survey District; Section 1 Survey Office Plan 58558; and Section 2 Block V Kawhia South Survey District) located at Taumatotara West Road, Te Anga.

Minute 3 in relation to the application by
Taumatotara Wind Farm Limited

Further information package received from applicant

Further Information and Timetable Implications

The applicant has circulated a package of additional information which was received by Council on 15 September 2023. This has now been circulated to all parties.

Given the changes to the parameters of what has been sought that are contained in the additional information, it is fair and reasonable that the Council section 42A team is provided some more time to complete their assessment and advice. The necessity of this extra time requires consequential changes to the overall timetable set.

Accordingly, I make the following directions to amend the timetable for the provision of the s42A report and evidence:

- The Council's section 42A report is due no later than 4pm on Friday 13 October 2023.
- The applicant's evidence is due no later than 4pm on Friday 27 October 2023.
- The submitter's expert evidence is due no later than 4pm on Friday 10 November 2023.
- It is requested that any submitter not calling expert evidence, provide any written material they wish to present to support their submission no later than 4pm on Friday 10 November 2023.
- Any party proposing to present opening submissions, including legal submissions, is to pre-circulate them in advance of the hearing, and no later than 3pm on Sunday 12 November 2023.

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Scope of changes sought

The reduction in the number of turbines proposed is clearly within scope as this will reduce the overall effects in contention, and my preliminary view is that the slight increase in the height of the proposed wind turbines is in the "de minimus" category in relation to actual and potential effects. I am comfortable to proceed with the hearing on that basis and receive evidence on this matter. However, if any submitter has concerns with this view and approach, they are welcome to file a Memorandum of Counsel to address this matter. Any Memorandum of Counsel will need to include technical and/or legal reasons for any alternate position.

Any such Memorandum of Counsel is due by 4pm on Monday 25 September 2023.

Contact

Kayla Hemara is the Hearings Administrator for this hearing. All hearing and administrative matters shall be directed to Kayla at Kayla.Hemara@waitomo.govt.nz or (07)8780800.



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INDEPENDENT HEARING COMMISSIONER
19 September 2023