

Taupo District Council

Report on Pre-Hearing Meeting held Wednesday 10 August 2022

Application by Todd Generation Limited for a Proposed Solar Farm (RM210110 &

RM210111)

Located at 3723 SH5 Rangitaiki

The Application:

The Proposal is as described in the original application and further information provided in response to the s92 RMA request.

Submissions were received from Waka Kotahi, Federated Farmers and EFNZ (fire service). All were satisfied with negotiated outcomes with the Applicant's representatives, and did not need to attend. Conditions satisfactory to those three submitters are to be included in the Consent Suite of Conditions.

Mr Allan Crafar who attended with his wife Beth, was the fourth submitter.

Attendances:

Bob Warnock – Todd Generation Limited Project Manager
Aaron Edwards – Manager Planning, BTW Company Limited
Allan Crafar – Submitter (and Beth Crafar in support)

Louise Wood – Senior Resource Consents Planner (Taupo District Council)
Heather Williams – Resource Consents Manager (Taupo District Council)

Alan Withy – Independent RMA Commissioner and Chairperson/convenor

Requirement to Report:

RMA s99 requires the chairperson of the meeting to provide a report that—

- (a) does not include anything communicated or made available at the meeting on a without prejudice basis; and
- (b) for the parties who attended the meeting,—
 - (i) sets out the issues that were agreed; and
 - (ii) sets out the issues that are outstanding; and
- (c) for all the parties,—
 - (i) may set out the nature of the evidence that the parties are to call at the hearing; and
 - (ii) may set out the order in which the parties are to call the evidence at the hearing; and
 - (iii) may set out a proposed timetable for the hearing.

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Issues that were agreed

None.

Issues that are outstanding

All those raised in Mr Crafar's formal submission.

He requests a formal Hearing and that is proposed by Ms Heather Williams (TDC Resource Consents Manager) to be Wednesday 21 September 2022.

Nature of the evidence that the parties are to call at the hearing

Mr Crafar proposes to call an expert from Australia who he hopes will support his contention that "solar farming" should not be allowed here nor elsewhere.

Order in which the parties are to call the evidence at the hearing

The Applicant should present its case with supporting evidence including a draft consent, with conditions including those agreed with the three submitters that did not attend the pre-hearing meeting.

This should be followed by Mr Crafar and his expert witness.

The s42A RMA Report is proposed to be written and delivered by Ms Louise Wood (TDC Senior Resource Consents Planner). It should be pre-circulated to the parties and she should confirm or amend it at the hearing.

Timetable for the process leading to the hearing

Hearing date: Wednesday 21 September 2022

Time: to be advised

Pre-circulation of evidence by 5PM on the following dates:

- 29 August – Council's s42A report
- 5 September – Applicant evidence
- 12 September – Submitters Expert evidence



Alan Withy

Independent RMA Commissioner

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