

Kaimai Wind Farm – Resource Consent Application – RMA Fourth Schedule checklist

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1. Information must be specified in sufficient detail	
<p>Any information required by this schedule, including an assessment under clause 2(1)(f) or (g), must be specified in sufficient detail to satisfy the purpose for which it is required.</p>	<p>A full assessment under Clause 2(1)(f) and (g) is summarised below and provided in detail under sections 7 and sections 8 of the Assessment of Environmental Effects “AEE”. Various technical assessments have been undertaken in relation to the project and are attached to the AEE to assess specific matters associated with the wind farm. The detail provided in the AEE and accompanying documents is in sufficient detail and thoroughly meets the criteria as listed under clause 2(1)(f) and (g).</p>
2. Information required in all applications	
<p>(1) An application for a resource consent for an activity (the activity) must include the following:</p>	
<p>(a) a description of the activity:</p>	<p>(a) See Sections 1.2, and Section 3 of the AEE</p>
<p>(b) a description of the site at which the activity is to occur;</p>	<p>(b) See Section 2.1 of the AEE</p>
<p>(c) the full name and address of each owner or occupier of the site:</p>	<p>(c) See Section 2.2 of the AEE which outlines the land ownership. Copies of the Certificates of Title for each of the land parcels are also attached to the application for completeness.</p>
<p>(d) a description of any other activities that are part of the proposal to which the application relates:</p>	<p>(d) All other relevant activities that are relevant are discussed in the various sections of the AEE</p>
<p>(e) a description of any other resource consents required for the proposal to which the application relates:</p>	<p>(e) Section 5 of the AEE outlines the resource consents required for the wind farm under the Waikato Regional Plan and the Hauraki District Plan. No additional consents are needed to those already obtained and listed within the AEE.</p>
<p>(f) an assessment of the activity against the matters set out in Part 2:</p>	<p>(f) See assessment undertaken in Section 8.7 of the AEE that discusses Part 2 matters.</p>
<p>(g) an assessment of the activity against any relevant provisions of a document referred to in section 104(1)(b).</p>	<p>(g) See sections 8.3 to 8.6 of the AEE, which address documents referred to in section 104(1)(b) – including - National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Generation, (NPS-REG) National Policy Statement on Electricity Grid Transmission (NPS-EGT), New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS), Waikato Regional Policy Statement (WRPS), Waikato Regional plan and Hauraki District Plan (HDP).</p>

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<p>(2) The assessment under subclause (1)(g) must include an assessment of the activity against—</p> <p>(a) any relevant objectives, policies, or rules in a document; and</p> <p>(b) any relevant requirements, conditions, or permissions in any rules in a document; and</p> <p>(c) any other relevant requirements in a document (for example, in a national environmental standard or other regulations).</p>	<p>(a) An assessment is provided in Sections 8.3 to 8.6 of the AEE against the relevant objectives and policies of NPSREG, NPS-EGT, NZCPS, WRPS, WRP and HDC. In terms of the rules, these have been assessed in Section 6.1 – 6.2 of the AEE under the Hauraki District Plan and Section 6.3 under the Waikato Regional Plan. The reasons for consent under the respective plans are summarised in Sections 6.2 and 6.4. of the AEE.</p> <p>(b) The activities sought have discretionary activity status and there are no such conditions or permissions noted in any rules in a document. There are however; conditions that we have recommended to be imposed when consent is granted.</p> <p>(c) There are no other relevant requirements that apply in this instance.</p>
<p>(3) An application must also include an assessment of the activity’s effects on the environment that—</p> <p>(a) includes the information required by clause 6; and</p> <p>(b) addresses the matters specified in clause 7; and</p> <p>(c) includes such detail as corresponds with the scale and significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment.</p>	<p>(3) As is set out below, the application includes an Assessment of Effects on the Environment (see Section 7) that includes the relevant information required by clause 6 and addresses the matters specified in clause 7, with a level of detail that corresponds to the scale and significance of the effects that the activity may have on the environment. To this extent, the Assessment of Effects on the Environment is supported by technical reports addressing the effects of the wind farm on the environment. These technical reports are attached to the AEE and form part of the application documents.</p>

3. Additional information required in some applications

An application must also include any of the following that apply:

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| <p>(a) if any permitted activity is part of the proposal to which the application relates, a description of the permitted activity that demonstrates that it complies with the requirements, conditions, and permissions for the permitted activity (so that a resource consent is not required for that activity under section 87A(1)):</p> | <p>(a) The proposal has a discretionary activity status. An assessment against the permitted activity rules to demonstrate compliance with the Hauraki District Plan and Waikato Regional plan has been undertaken in Section 6 of the AEE. This assessment has assessed the proposed wind farm against the relevant sections and zoning considerations of the respective plans.</p> |
| <p>(b) if the application is affected by section 124 or 165ZH(1)(c) (which relate to existing resource consents), an assessment of the value of the</p> | <p>(b) The application is not affected by section 124 of the RMA.</p> |

investment of the existing consent holder (for the purposes of [section 104\(2A\)](#)):

(c) if the activity is to occur in an area within the scope of a planning document prepared by a customary marine title group under [section 85](#) of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011, an assessment of the activity against any resource management matters set out in that planning document (for the purposes of [section 104\(2B\)](#)).

(c) Currently there are no planning documents prepared under this clause that are applicable within the area of proposed wind farm.

6. Information required in Assessment of Environmental Effects

(1) An assessment of the activity's effects on the environment must include the following information:

(a) if it is likely that the activity will result in any significant adverse effect on the environment, a description of any possible alternative locations or methods for undertaking the activity:

(a) An assessment of alternatives has undertaken and is discussed in various sections of the AEE, and from various perspectives in respect of alternatives – including site selection across the upper North Island, and internal Site design and turbine layouts. The receiving environment is provided under Section 7.1 of the AEE.

(b) an assessment of the actual or potential effect on the environment of the activity:

(b) See Section 7 of the AEE which includes a full assessment of the actual or potential effects on the environment. This assessment has been prepared with a level of detail that corresponds to the scale of effects that are associated the proposed wind farm.

(c) if the activity includes the use of hazardous installations, an assessment of any risks to the environment that are likely to arise from such use:

(c) The activity does not involve hazardous installations.

(d) if the activity includes the discharge of any contaminant, a description of—

(d) The proposal relies on a large quantum of earthworks (with sediment discharge being a potential “contaminant”). The proposed road alignment will also lead to discharges of stormwater. There are no other expected “discharge of contaminants” associated with the project.

(d)(i) the nature of the discharge and the sensitivity of the receiving environment to adverse effects; and

(d)(i) The nature of any discharges (“sediment” and “stormwater”) is described and assessed in Section 7 of the AEE.

(d)(ii) any possible alternative methods of discharge, including discharge into any other receiving environment:

(d)(ii) An assessment of alternative methods is discussed in various sections of the AEE. The receiving environment is addressed in Section 7.1 of the AEE. In terms of earthworks, no “alternative

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<p>(e) a description of the mitigation measures (including safeguards and contingency plans where relevant) to be undertaken to help prevent or reduce the actual or potential effect:</p> <p>(f) identification of the persons affected by the activity, any consultation undertaken, and any response to the views of any person consulted:</p> <p>(g) if the scale and significance of the activity's effects are such that monitoring is required, a description of how and by whom the effects will be monitored if the activity is approved:</p> <p>(h) if the activity will, or is likely to, have adverse effects that are more than minor on the exercise of a protected customary right, a description of possible alternative locations or methods for the exercise of the activity (unless written approval for the activity is given by the protected customary rights group).</p>	<p>methods" are applicable in this instance, and the earthworks will be managed via erosion and sediment controls and a robust construction methodology.</p> <p>(e) The proposed mitigation measures are included in Section 3.7 of the AEE. The reasons for such mitigation measures are also discussed under the various sub-headings in Section 7 - being the "Assessment of Environmental Effects".</p> <p>(f) Affected persons are identified within the AEE and the accompanying documents. A consultation process has been undertaken to date and is discussed in Section 4 of the AEE.</p> <p>(g) The scale and significance of effects has been fully assessed in Section 7 of the AEE. Monitoring of the site is expected and is addressed by the proposed conditions that we have submitted along with the AEE.</p> <p>(h) There are no 'protected customary rights' in the area of the activity.</p>
<p>(2) A requirement to include information in the assessment of environmental effects is subject to the provisions of any policy statement or plan.</p>	<p>(2) There are no provisions in any policy statement of plan that specifically require additional information in the assessment of environmental effects to that provided in this application.</p>
<p>(3) To avoid doubt, subclause (1)(f) obliges an applicant to report as to the persons identified as being affected by the proposal, but does not—</p> <p>(a) oblige the applicant to consult any person; or</p> <p>(b) create any ground for expecting that the applicant will consult any person.</p>	<p>(3) We have addressed "affected persons", and consultation has been undertaken to date (see summary in Section 4 of AEE). We have requested that the application be publicly notified, providing further opportunity for affected persons to provide input into the proposed wind farm.</p>
<p>7. Matters that must be addressed by assessment of environmental effects</p>	
<p>(1) An assessment of the activity's effects on the environment must address the following matters:</p> <p>(a) any effect on those in the neighbourhood and, where relevant, the wider community, including any social, economic, or cultural effects:</p>	<p>(a) See Sections 7 (in particular "Cultural Effects" and Section 8.7 of the AEE as well as various sections that discuss the social and economic well-being (including positive attributes). Neighbourhood amenity matters are also addressed within Section 7 of the AEE.</p>

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(b) any physical effect on the locality, including any landscape and visual effects:	(b) The effects on landscape character and visual effects have been fully addressed in Section 7.3 and a landscape and visual assessment has been undertaken and attached to the AEE. Given the high visibility of the turbine structures within the environment, landscape character and visual effects also form a large part of the discussion within the statutory assessment (in the context of the objectives and policies) that has been undertaken in Section 8 of the AEE.
(c) any effect on ecosystems, including effects on plants or animals and any physical disturbance of habitats in the vicinity:	(c) See Section 7 of the AEE (in particular Section 7.5, which addresses the ecological effects associated with the wind farm).
(d) any effect on natural and physical resources having aesthetic, recreational, scientific, historical, spiritual, or cultural value, or other special value, for present or future generations:	(d) See Sections 7 and 8 of the AEE, which address effects on natural and physical resources, recreational and tourism effects, cultural effects.
(e) any discharge of contaminants into the environment, including any unreasonable emission of noise, and options for the treatment and disposal of contaminants:	(e) See Section 7 of the AEE, which addresses construction effects (earthworks and streamworks), and noise/vibration amenity. These matters are also further assessed against the relevant objectives and policies of the various planning instruments in Section 8 of the AEE.
(f) any risk to the neighbourhood, the wider community, or the environment through natural hazards or hazardous installations.	(f) There are no relevant natural hazards or hazardous installations.
(2) The requirement to address a matter in the assessment of environmental effects is subject to the provisions of any policy statement or plan.	All relevant matters of the relevant statutory plans are covered Section 8 of the AEE.