

## Ministerial direction for call in

Having had regard to all the relevant factors, pursuant to section 141B(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, I consider that the matters (listed in Appendix A) involved in Contact Wind Limited's and Contact Energy Limited's proposed Hauauru ma Raki wind farm on the Waikato west coast, are of national significance and therefore direct those matters to be called in and referred to a board of inquiry for determination.

My reasons for calling in the matters involved in the proposal are as follows:

- i) The proposal is relevant to New Zealand's international obligations to the global environment in terms of the Kyoto Protocol including the proposal's contribution towards the achievement of the target of 90% of electricity generation to be from renewable energy sources by 2025 as set out in the *New Zealand Energy Strategy to 2050*. I consider the proposal would likely assist New Zealand in meeting its international obligations to the global environment by helping to avoid an increase in carbon dioxide emissions overall on a national scale.
- ii) The proposal affects or is likely to affect more than one region or district. The proposal will have direct physical effects on the Franklin and Waikato Districts and the Waikato region. In terms of security of electricity supply, the proposal will have potential effects beyond these areas.

Before reaching my decision to direct call in of the proposal, I sought the views of the local authorities that would have processed and decided the matters if I had not called them in.

Dated at Wellington this

20<sup>th</sup>

day of August 2008



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Hon Trevor Mallard  
**Minister for the Environment**

## **Appendix A: Matters involved in the Hauauru ma Raki wind farm proposal:**

### **Franklin District Council**

#### **Land use consents:**

Contact Wind Limited applied for the following land use consents from the Franklin District Council:

- **L08052:** Land use consent for all activities associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of a wind farm (Hauāuru mā raki) within the Franklin District in the area shown on Plan 1 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents. This includes the erection and operation of wind turbine generators, site mobilisation and establishment, earthworks and land disturbance, underground and over-ground 33 kV transmission works and site reinstatement.
- **L08053:** Land use consent for the re-opening and operation of the Whitford Quarry including rock crushing and processing facilities as shown on Plans 18 and 21 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.
- **L08054:** Land use consent for two concrete batching plants as shown on Plan 20 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.
- **L08055:** Land use consent for up to three public viewing areas (including signage) and associated parking areas as shown on Plan 22 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.
- **L08056:** Land use consent for improvements to local roads as shown on Plan 12 - 14 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

These land use consent applications and associated plans are specified in a document entitled "Hauāuru mā raki, Waikato Wind Farm, Resource Consent Applications, Notices of Requirement, Assessment of Environmental Effects, June 2008" prepared and lodged by Contact Wind Limited and Contact Energy Limited with the Franklin District Council on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

#### **Notices of Requirement:**

Contact Energy Limited has lodged notices of requirement with the Franklin District Council for the following activities associated with the reticulation and transmission of electricity from Hauāuru mā raki to the National Grid:

- **L08058:** The construction, operation, maintenance, replacement, renewal and upgrading of the Limestone Downs Substation and ancillary facilities.
- **L08059:** The construction, operation, maintenance, replacement, renewal and upgrading of a single circuit 220 kV transmission line (to

the extent that the line will be within the Franklin District) on monopoles (except in some locations where lattice towers may be required) linking the proposed Limestone Downs Substation to the north in the Franklin District with the Matira and Te Akau Substations in the Waikato District to the south, and ancillary facilities.

- **L08060:** The construction, operation, and maintenance of a double circuit 220 kV transmission line on lattice towers (except in some bush locations where steel poles may be required) between the proposed Limestone Downs Substation and the proposed Orton Switchyard and ancillary facilities.
- **L08057:** The construction, operation, maintenance, replacement, renewal and upgrading of a switchyard at Orton (called the Orton Switchyard) and ancillary facilities.
- **L08061:** The construction, operation, maintenance, replacement, renewal and upgrading of a double circuit 220 kV transmission line connection from the proposed Orton Switchyard and the existing Huntly - Otahuhu A 220 kV transmission line, including any necessary modifications to the existing line to enable that connection, and associated ancillary facilities.

These notices of requirement are specified in a document entitled "Hauāuru mā raki, Waikato Wind Farm, Resource Consent Applications, Notices of Requirement, Assessment of Environmental Effects, June 2008" prepared and lodged by Contact Wind Limited and Contact Energy Limited with the Franklin District Council on 26 June 2008.

## **Waikato District Council**

### **Land Use Consents**

Contact Wind Limited applied for the following land use consents from the Waikato District Council:

- **LUC00005/08:** For all activities associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of a wind farm (Hauāuru mā raki) within the Waikato District in the area shown on Plan 2 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents. This includes the erection and operation of wind turbine generators, site mobilisation and establishment, earthworks and land disturbance, underground and over-ground 33 kV transmission works and site reinstatement.
- **LUC00005/08.01:** Land use consent for two concrete batching plants as shown on Plan 20 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.
- **LUC00005/08.02:** Land use consent for improvements to local roads as shown on Plans 14 – 16 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

These land use consent applications and associated plans are specified in a document entitled "Hauāuru mā raki, Waikato Wind Farm, Resource Consent

Applications, Notices of Requirement, Assessment of Environmental Effects, June 2008” prepared and lodged by Contact Wind Limited and Contact Energy Limited with the Waikato District Council on 26 June 2008.

### **Notices of Requirement**

Contact Energy Limited has lodged Notices of Requirement with the Waikato District Council for the following activities associated with the reticulation and transmission of electricity from Hauāuru mā raki to the National Grid:

- **DES0012/08:** The construction, operation, maintenance, replacement, renewal and upgrading of a substation at Matira (called the Matira Substation) and ancillary facilities.
- **DES0013/08:** The construction, operation, maintenance, replacement, renewal and upgrading of a substation at Te Akau (called the Te Akau Substation) and ancillary facilities.
- **DES0014/08:** The construction, operation, maintenance, replacement, renewal and upgrading of a single circuit 220 kV transmission line (to the extent that the line will be within the Waikato District) on monopoles (except in some locations where lattice towers may be required) linking the proposed Matira and Te Akau Substations to the south in the Waikato District with the Limestone Downs Substation in the Franklin District to the north, and ancillary facilities.

These notices of requirement are specified in a document entitled “Hauāuru mā raki, Waikato Wind Farm, Resource Consent Applications, Notices of Requirement, Assessment of Environmental Effects, June 2008” prepared and lodged by Contact Wind Limited and Contact Energy Limited with the Waikato District Council on 26 June 2008.

### **Waikato Regional Council (Environment Waikato)**

Contact Wind Limited applied for the following consents from Environment Waikato:

#### **Earthworks**

**WRC 117912:** To undertake earthworks and roading and tracking activities associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of a wind farm (Hauāuru mā raki) including turbines, internal access roads, construction of water storage ponds, and improvements to local roads shown on Plans 3 - 17 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

**WRC118074:** To undertake all soil disturbance activities including roading, tracking, overburden placement and ancillary earthworks associated with re-opening and operation of the Whitford Quarry at or about E2667295 N6404494 as shown on Plans 18 and 21 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

### **Water takes**

**WRC 117913:** To take up to 104m<sup>3</sup> of water per day at a rate of up to 1.2 L/s from the Waikawau Stream at or about E2664309 N6414522 as shown as W1 on Plan 18 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

**WRC 117914:** To take up to 94m<sup>3</sup> of water per day at a rate of up to 1.1 L/s from the Kaawa Stream at or about E2668064 N6411781 as shown as W2 on Plan 18 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

**WRC 117915:** To take up to 79m<sup>3</sup> of water per day at a rate of up to 0.9 L/s from the Waikaretu Stream at or about E2667260 N6404436 and/or E2668600 N6404150 as shown as W3a and W3c on Plan 18 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

**WRC 117916:** To take up to 96m<sup>3</sup> of water per day at a rate of up to 1.1 L/s from the Waikorea Stream at or about E2669518 N6397706 as shown as W4 on Plan 18 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

**WRC 117920:** To take up to the full flow of an unnamed spring at the Whitford Quarry at or about E2667700 N6404500 as shown as W3b on Plan 18 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

### **Streambed works**

**WRC 117921:** To construct and maintain an arch culvert in a tributary to the Te Umukaraka Stream at or about E2667217 N6413763 as shown on Plan 19 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

**WRC 117922:** To construct and maintain a culvert in a tributary to the Tauterei Stream at or about E2672325 N6385075 as shown on Plan 19 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

**WRC 117923:** To construct and maintain a 14 metre bridge over the Waimai Stream at or about E2672970 N6393860 as shown on Plan 19 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

### **Discharges**

**WRC 117924:** To discharge process water and stormwater from the Whitford Quarry and a concrete batching plant (at or about E2667367 N6404493) to land (in circumstances where it may enter groundwater) and to the Waikaretu Stream at locations shown on Plans 18, 20 and 21 in Part A, Schedule 2 of the Resource Consent Application documents.

**WRC 117925:** To discharge process water and stormwater from three concrete batching plants to land (in circumstances where it may enter water) at or about the following locations: E2665268 N6412645; E2671881 N6392716; E2672146 N6387975.

Contact Energy Limited applied for the following consents from Environment Waikato:

### **Earthworks**

**WRC 117927:** To undertake earthworks and roading and tracking activities associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of three substations, a switchyard, transmission lines (including support structures), and ancillary activities.

These consent applications and associated plans are specified in a document entitled "Hauāuru mā raki, Waikato Wind Farm, Resource Consent Applications, Notices of Requirement, Assessment of Environmental Effects, June 2008" prepared and lodged by Contact Wind Limited and Contact Energy Limited with the Waikato Regional Council on 26 June 2008.