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I refer to your official information request dated 18 May 2025 for information relating to peer review of reports for the Pahiatua Windfarm.

The information you have requested is outlined below.

1. *which specialist reports have been commissioned to be peer reviewed*

Response: Transport, Landscape and Acoustics

2. *who are the consultants who are doing each of these reports*

Response: – Harriet Fraser Traffic Engineering & Transportation Planning, Peter Runcie – SLR, Josh Hunt – Narrative Landscape

3. *what are the terms of reference and engagement around these peer reviews*

Response: undertake peer reviews of the applicant's expert reports. In terms of Peter Runcie a minute was shared by the expert panel requesting further detailing. A copy of this is attached.

4. *who is the author and approver of the terms of reference for these peer reviews*

Response: Aimee Charmley, Planning Services Manager

5. *how was the recruitment process of each of these consultants managed and what was this process*

Response: Direct approach, standard short form agreements. TDC have used these experts on wind farm applications before.

6. *Who procured these consultants*

Response: Aimee Charmley with the assistance of TDC procurement team.

7. *Who has reviewed and been invited for comment on these reports*

Response: These reviews are still pending delivery but they will be used to inform the Council submission

8. *Where is the funding coming from to pay for these reports*

Response: TDC can cost recover from the applicant for the expert peer reviews under cl 94(1) of Schedule 19 of the NBEA. Aimee Charmley provided cost estimates and worked this through with the Agent – Aurecon before signing the short form agreements with the specialists. Under clause 94(5) – the applicant can request an estimate of the costs likely to be recovered.

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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Monday, 19 May 2025 9:18 am

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: Acknowledgement - request for information re Pahiatua Windfarm

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding the Pahiatua Windfarm.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible, to enable you to have the information you seek in time to make your submission.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Ngā mihi



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, 18 May 2025 10:42 pm

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Subject: Urgent LGOIMA Urgent

EXTERNAL EMAIL ALERT: Caution advised. This message is from an external sender. Verify the sender's identity and use caution with attachments and links.

To whom it may concern,

As a community we are under a tight deadline to meet the requirements of the EPA panel with our submissions relating to the Pahiatua Windfarm Project which Aurecon is the consulting representative on behalf of Yinson Renewables which is a subsidiary of Yinson Berhad in Malaysia. The submissions we are writing have a deadline of 28th of May and as a result I would appreciate answers to my questions no later than 26th May to ensure that we have clarity prior to submitting.

As per the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) I would like to request the following information under urgency.

I understand that the council is working with consultants to complete peer reviews of specialist reports relating to the Pahiatua Windfarm. I am seeking clarification around the independence of consultancy with regards to this matter.

Information required is as follows:

1. which specialist reports have been commissioned to be peer reviewed
2. who are the consultants who are doing each of these reports
3. what are the terms of reference and engagement around these peer reviews
4. who is the author and approver of the terms of reference for these peer reviews
5. how was the recruitment process of each of these consultants managed and what was this process
6. Who procured these consultants
7. Who has reviewed and been invited for comment on these reports
8. Where is the funding coming from to pay for these reports

Thankyou in advance for taking the time to provide me with the information I require in a speedy timeframe.

Best regards,
Sarah Gibbs



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Acoustics Review Brief

SLR Ltd are to be engaged by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) to undertake a technical review of the noise assessment for the Pahiatua Wind Farm Project (the Project). This review should be undertaken in accordance with the EPA AoG Consultancy Services Order dated 2 March 2023.

The Project application is by Pahiatua Wind Limited. The Minister for the Environment referred the Project to an expert consenting panel (ECP) under the Natural and Built Environment Act 2023 (the Act)¹.

SLR's scope is provide advice to the EPA on the soundness of the methodology in the Noise Effects Assessment report prepared by Marshall Day Acoustics (MDA) dated 13 December 2024 and forming Appendix K to the Application and the manner in which the findings are incorporated into the Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) report prepared by Aurecon.

In particular, the review is to include:

1. Consideration of the baseline noise and wind speed data, wind turbine calculations and provide advice to the ECP as to whether
 - a. the derived wind varying noise limits are correct,
 - b. predicted turbine noise calculations are correct; and
 - c. the noise level mitigations are correct.
2. A review of the following conditions
 - a. Condition 33. Operational Noise – Turbine Operation
 - b. Condition 34. Pre-Instalment Acoustic Assessment
 - c. Condition 35. Compliance Testing
3. In considering Items 1 and 2 above, comment should be made on:
 - a. Cumulative turbine noise levels including adjacent wind farms and the Pahiatua Wind Farm; and
 - b. The efficacy (or otherwise) of not having a condition requiring the production and certification of an Operational Noise Management Plan (ONMP). In considering this, reference should be made to condition NO6

¹ The NBEA was repealed on 23 December 2023 and replaced with the Resource Management (Natural and Built Environment and Spatial Planning Repeal and Interim Fast-track Consenting) Act 2023 ('the repeal Act'). Clause 8 of Schedule 1 of the repeal Act preserves all of Part 2 of Schedule 10 (Fast track consenting process) of the former Act, subject to some specific modifications.

of the Expert Consenting Panel on the application by NZ Windfarms Ltd for the proposed repowering of the Te Rere Hau Wind Farm dated 31 May 2023. <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Fast-track-consenting/Te-Rere-Hau/Te-Rere-Hau-Windfarm-Repowering-Decision-report-including-minor-corrections.pdf>. That condition requires a ONMP. MDA and Aurecon were also the acoustic and planning experts respectively in that application.

Notes:

- i. SLR's review can exclude noise effects associated with construction of the wind farm and ancillary infrastructure such as electrical power distribution systems (substations and cabling).
- ii. Any alterations, additions or corrections to the draft conditions are able to be recommended by SLR.