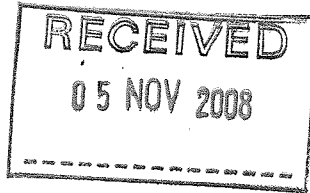


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### Submission - Contact Energy Limited Waikato Wind Farm

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Please find attached a submission in relation to an application by Contact Energy Limited and Contact Wind Limited for a wind farm on the west coast of the North Island by Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Limited.

We note that submissions in relation to this application closed on Monday 3 November at 5.00pm. Accordingly we now request leave for late filing of this submission.

We received notice from our clients that they required a submission to be made on their behalf well before the due date and this error relates to the actions of this office and should not be attributed to Ravensdown

The reason this submission is late relates to an administration error in relation to the due date being 3 November and not 5 November. As there has only been a 2 day delay we do not believe any party has been prejudiced by the late filing of this submission.

We are happy to address this issue further at the hearing of the application if required.

Yours faithfully

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Schedule 1

**Submission on application by Contact Energy Limited and Contact Wind Limited**

To the Minister for the Environment ('the Minister')

Name of submitter: Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Limited ('Ravensdown').

This is a submission on an application from Contact Energy Ltd and Contact Wind Ltd ('Contact') for a resource consent to construct a 180 turbine wind farm on the coastal hills of the west coast of the North Island from four kilometres south of Port Waikato to Te Akau, some eight kilometres north of Raglan. A decision was made by the Minister to call in this resource consent application.

The specific parts of the application that Ravensdown's submission relates to are:

Ravensdown understands from the consent application submitted by Contact that a transmission line is to be constructed through the Waikaretu Lime Quarry owned and operated by Ravensdown.

Ravensdown's submission is:

Ravensdown does not oppose the overall application for the construction of the wind farm.

Ravensdown does oppose the placement of a transmission line corridor or the construction of a transmission line through their Waikaretu limestone quarry as this will detrimentally affect Ravensdown's ability to successfully quarry the limestone resource in this area. Ravensdown has also secured the mineral rights for the properties adjacent to the current Waikaretu operation and has concerns that the transmission line corridor in its current location will detrimentally affect Ravensdown's ability to quarry those properties.

Ravensdown has concerns that their ability to successfully mine the area will be affected by the construction of pylons. If pylons are constructed on Ravensdown's property they will no longer be able to quarry the area those pylons are constructed upon or the areas in close proximity to those pylons.

Ravensdown's concerns also relate to the potential issues that arise when blasting in close proximity to the pylon towers and transmission lines. The vibration caused by the blasting that takes place at the quarry may have an effect on the pylon towers and such effect must be mitigated at Contact's cost. There is also potential for fly rock caused by blasting to hit both the pylon towers and the transmission lines.

Ravensdown seek the following decision from the consent authority:

That the placement of the proposed transmission line corridor be moved away from the existing Waikaretu limestone quarry and the properties adjacent to the quarry which Ravensdown has secured the mineral rights for.

Ravensdown wish to be heard in support of this submission.

If others make a similar submission, Ravensdown will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

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Signature of submitter  
(or person authorised to sign  
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