

Iwi

Date	Location	Involved stakeholders	Project Reprs	Topic	Summary	Follow-up actions (if any)
19-May-23	Te Whare o Te Waipounamu, 15 Show Place, Addington, Christchurch	Group Head, Strategy & Environment	FNSF: Greg Hay, Richard Homewood, John Andrews	Introductions and project briefing	Ngāi Tahu is the principal Māori iwi of the South Island. Its takiwā (area) is the largest in New Zealand, and extends from the White Bluffs / Te Parinui o Whiti, Mount Mahanga and Kahurangi Point in the north to Stewart Island / Rakiura in the south. Talked mainly about The Point and also how we should proceed with iwi engagement. [REDACTED] advised we need to liaise with local rūnanga who are mana whenua for the Ohau area. She said she would make these introductions.	Keep in touch via email on developments with rūnanga engagement.
23-May-23	Invercargill	Ngai Tahu Rūnanga who are mana whenua for the South Island farm sites	Greg Hay	introductions face to face	Earlier engagement with Ngai Tahu led to information that this conference was on and that it was a good opportunity to meet with the Rūnanga we need to liaise with on South Island sites. Was able to meet with delegates from Moeraki and Waihao (Ohau) and Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga (Waipara). Invaluable to make contact face to face. Gave information sheet on The Point to Moeraki and Waihao. A third Rūnanga we need to consult with on Ohau is Arowhenua, they were not in attendance but we gained contact details for them. All South Island Rūnanga use environmental consultancies to consider resource consent applications. [REDACTED]	Have shared various documents supporting resource consent application with Waihoa and Moeraki. Review process underway with Arowhenua by email. Will need continual liaison
23-May-23	Murihiku Energy Wananga - Invercargill	[REDACTED]	GH	introductions	Attended the wananga and [REDACTED] pointed out Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga representative [REDACTED]. I introduced myself to [REDACTED] and asked if I could speak to her briefly about FNSF and our plans in Waipara. [REDACTED] was quite curt with me and said she did not want to hear anything about our plans until we told her what the benefits to Ngāi Tūāhuriri would be. I tried to explain that we wished to work together to try and identify these things in partnership. She directed me to talk with [REDACTED] (who was also at the table [REDACTED] was sitting at with others at the Wananga). [REDACTED] and I spoke briefly and we exchanged contact details. I said I would liaise with her and hoped to form a pathway forward that could involve the runanga in the planning of the development.	
13-Jun-23	email	[REDACTED]	GH	engagement	Wrote to follow up on an email from late May regarding a wish to engage with Ngāi Tūāhuriri. Said we were keen to engage as early as possible in order to allow a proper consultation to occur. Asked her to let me know what next steps the Rūnanga would like to follow	
30-Jun-23	email	[REDACTED]	GH	asking to engage to discuss project	[REDACTED] wrote to suggest an online meeting, asked me to suggest a time	
10 Jul 23	email	[REDACTED]	GH		GH wrote to [REDACTED] to suggest 18th or 19th July as a time to meet online	
2-Aug-23	email	[REDACTED]	GH		Wrote to [REDACTED] to say we were not having much luck connecting with regard to the solar farm development in Waipara that we were very keen to ensure we do engage with mana whenua early on this project so could I suggest we have a call on either Thursday or Friday this week? I am available at any time on either day. Please let me know if this is possible and if so what time might suit. I will then send a calendar invite. [REDACTED] replied same day and provided a phone number for herself.	
9-Aug-23	phone	[REDACTED]	GH	to see if we can advance engagement request	Spoke with [REDACTED] briefly by phone to follow up on email correspondence. I explained a little about what the proposal involved and again expressed the desire to wish to communicate this with runanga if they wished to know more, or be involved. Asked for guidance on how best to proceed, if that was what runanga wanted to do.	
10-Aug-23	email	[REDACTED]	GH	engagement to discuss proposal	Shared draft layout of the proposal and informed it was selected as it was close to existing infrastructure and on flat land. Provided list of benefits to iwi from project (see email 10 August).	
15-Aug-23	email	[REDACTED]	gh		[REDACTED] wrote to say she received the list of benefits and layout and was talking to her Board Chair and will come back to me on next steps shortly.	

10-Oct-23	email	██████████	GH	followup on request to engage	I wrote to ask if there was any update on our request to engage with Ngāi Tūāhuriri. Said we would welcome the opportunity to meet kanohi kitea and that we looked to enhance and enable the Rūnanga aspirations and developing appropriate mechanisms that support a mātauraka Māori vision tailored to the values and needs of your Rūnanga.	write again in two weeks if haven't heard anything
19-Oct-23	email	██████████	Greg Hay	engagement to discuss proposal	██████████ wrote to say Runanga was willing to engage. Stated we should progress under a Memorandum of Agreement to cover the matters we previously proposed and align with any other priorities. Said that with respect to resource consenting the runanga don't support/oppose these - the assessment of resource consents are led by an environmental agency (didn't say which one).	reply and take up offer
27-Oct-23	email	██████████	GH	face to face engagement opportunity	GH replied to ██████████ email confirming runanga would be happy to engage and talk about the list of benefits we've provided earlier etc. Said we would like to meet in person if possible and if she could indicate when this might occur. said that the opinions of mana whenua are important to us from a partnership point of view but also because they are also required in an official capacity so we seek your guidance on how these two can be achieved and coexist	date and place TBC
13-Nov-23	email	██████████	GH		In lieu of a response regarding our latest communication on 27 October confirming we would be grateful to meet with Ngāi Tūāhuriri, can I ask if the rūnanga would have any interest in preparing a Cultural Impact Assessment in relation to the solar proposal. This is in addition to the items of benefit to the rūnanga from the solar proposal we have already shared. Happy to follow whatever procedure is deemed appropriate.	
26-Jan-24	email	██████████	gh	engagement requests	Wrote to ██████████ again to ask if the runanga wished to meet as they had indicated they did. informed that we would be submitting the RC application in the coming months. Asked about the agency the runanga uses to assess applications and who this was and how we might go about engaging with them if that was required.	ne reply as at 7/2/24

Stakeholders

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8-Aug-23	email	[REDACTED]	Aquila and FNSF	Writes about concern about proposed solar farm. Asks us to cease development.	respond
10-Aug-23	email	[REDACTED]	GH	detailed response official (see email). response to the flier that has been distributed by [REDACTED] to letter boxes. Pointed out the inaccuracies.	
10-Aug-23	email	[REDACTED]	Alexander Lenz, Benjamin Roa, Kelly, GH	[REDACTED] Mentioned the project in Waipara is in a very early development stage and therefore community engagement is just starting. We are keen to understand her concerns better. [REDACTED] says FNSF is best placed to take these conversations forward at this time. Provided contact details for Aquila and guidance on how to communicate with them if wanted. see email for more detail.	
11-Aug-23	email	[REDACTED]	Alexander Lenz, Benjamin Roa, Kelly, GH	[REDACTED] writes to thanks us for emails. Says they will consider them and next steps	
23-Aug-23	email	[REDACTED]	JA	[REDACTED] writes to ask for a copy of a noise report JA mentioned when he met with them recently	consider request and respond
25-Aug-23	media release	national media	GH	Distributed news release announcing Waipara proposal and development. Angle that the Waipara project aim to combine agriculture, horticulture and energy production on the same site is a pioneering example of modern sustainable land use in the age of renewable energy generation.	
28-Aug-23	email	[REDACTED]	GH, JA	[REDACTED] write to us both to say John Andrews visited us last Monday regarding this proposal. Can we supply the noise study.	No noise report exists for this site. reports for other sites not relevant so will not be sharing
28 sept 23	open day	Waipara community	GH, JA, RH	Around 50-60 people attended the open day held on site. Catering and visual sims and other collateral showing the planned development available. National Party Energy spokesperson and local MP Stuart Smith attends. Meeting lasts for two hours. Starts with people mingling and looking at material and project team talking to them individually. Project team decide to speak to crowd as so many are there. A Q&A session starts. we talk about timeline for consent, building, questions of water use locally, renewable energy and consultation. Stuart Smith states he is neither for or against the project but he speaks that his party supports renewable development on the whole. People fill out contact forms.	
29-Sep-23	email	[REDACTED]	GH, JA, RH	[REDACTED] ask us to 'tell us what options you propose to address this in our case'. Also requests copies of all collateral available yesterday at meeting. GH replies same day "I will come back to you early next week with the requested collateral. John Andrews will be in touch also regarding ways which we can liaise and work together on any issues and potential mitigation strategies that may be appropriate."	respond
4 Oct 23	email	[REDACTED]	JA, GH, RH	[REDACTED] Says there are changes being made to the Heat island report for Waipara so not ready to share yet. Noise report for Waipara not finished. Visual simulations are also now being adjusted after consultation with some neighbours. When these are ready they too will be shared. [REDACTED] says she wants the Waipara reports. Claims we said we'd share these. Also asks for the original visual sims. Asks again what options we propose to lessen the 'impact' of the development on them.	JA has already discussed the proposals to mitigate any potential impact [REDACTED] with them.

5-Oct-23	email	[REDACTED]	JA, GH, RH	[REDACTED] to ask why we haven't replied to her. Says we have been showing the updated visual simulations to other residents so we can have no excuse to not share with them either.	ask JA to see if we can send info being sought [REDACTED]
6-Oct-23	email	[REDACTED]	JA, GH, RH	JA sends Heat Island effects paper as well as link to updated visual sims	
13-Oct-23	email	[REDACTED]	JA, GH, RH	[REDACTED] write to say the link we have sent requires a password, please send another link [REDACTED] requests We send her the heat island report for Greytown, as well as the noise report. She also says she is disappointed no one has been in contact to discuss the impacts the development will have on her.	respond.
16-Oct-23	email	[REDACTED]	JA, GH, RH	JA writes to say we have sent her the various requested documents many times at different email addresses. JA says we have provided the Waipara Heat island report as that's what we intend to submit for RC and that noise is different for each site so when the Waipara study is ready we will share. [REDACTED] replies to GH and RH and says JA has repeatedly said he would work with affected parties and could someone please engage with them on this issue. GH replies and offers to meet in person to discuss matters Thursday 19th at 4pm if it suits. [REDACTED] says she doesn't want personal engagement, she wants proposals in writing.	NB: We have previously met with [REDACTED] gone over the planting mitigation, and supplied all relevant documents where possible.
19-Oct-23	meeting	Glenmark Committee (council)	GH, JA	GH presents proposal to committe and explains details and why we believe there is a need for this project in Waipara on this site. JA joins to answer questions from the Committee. [REDACTED] presents to the committee also and says it will ruin the entire district if it goes ahead etc. raises all manner of potential issues that could arise from solar developments. Not evidence based.	
25-Jan-24	email	avril.fowler@hurunui.govt.nz, Glenmak Committee governance advisor [REDACTED]	GH	GH wrote to ask if FNSF could connect with Glenmark Committee to see if they were interested in collaborating on any community projects which FNSF could fund as part of our ESG approach to development.	
30-Jan-24	email	Natasha Tasker, Governance advisor Hurunui District council	GH	Natasha replied to email from 25/1/24 saying she would forward our email onto [REDACTED] the Chair of the Glenmark Committee, and would add the FNSF request and communication to the committees next agenda for discussion	
15-Apr-24	email	[REDACTED] Chair Glenmark Community Board	GH	The committee discussed our email and said if the development was to go ahead a model that could work well to support community projects is that of a Community Trust, set up to fund charitable and community activities in the local community. He said there were local examples of this already in place.	explore idea internally and respond

Landowners and Neighbours

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27-Mar-23	Waipara	[REDACTED]	FNSF John Pareek	Full site visit, corner to corner	First proper on site visit. [REDACTED] the entire site to evaluate neighbours, land condition, roading, fencing, and areas to fence, farm access etc.	
27-Mar-23	Waipara - new area	[REDACTED]	FNSF John Pareek	Possible new site, neighbour	Meet [REDACTED] Discussed views and impact and arranged for a possible extension to our site on his land. This will allow easier and cheaper access to the GXP. His land is suitable and we will engage with him to an agreement to lease	
27-Mar-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA PP	Neighbours	Visit to [REDACTED] We discussed what the solar farm would look like and how it would work. Impact on local power prices and reliability. [REDACTED]	Stay in touch, as they support the solar farm in general.
21-Aug-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA	Introduce solar project	Visit based on contact from the district. Provided brochure. Outlined what was intended to be installed, heights, boundary and inter-block planting.	
21-Aug-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA	Introduce solar project	Visit to introduce and outline our mitigation strategy. Discussed the potential locations for grapes on the block.	
21-Aug-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA	Introduce solar project	Visit to introduce our company and explain project. Concerned that they will see the solar farm. We discussed visual screening and how this would minimise the extent of visual effects	
21-Aug-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA	Introduce solar project	Discussed the view of the solar farm and the landscape effects from their property viewpoint.	
5-Oct-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA	Introduce solar project	Follow up and discuss trees and mitigation. Considered the mitigation will not help and they will see the solar farm.	
5-Oct-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA	Follow up meeting	Visit to introduce and go over the project following the open day. Do not feel the project will affect them but do consider it better than vines, due to not having chemical sprays and noise.	
5-Oct-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA	Introduce solar project	Called in to discuss project. Very supportive and happy to discuss. Thinks could be a positive activity on the site due to lack of irrigation.	
5-Oct-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA	Intro and talk about project and their situation	Follow up from open day. [REDACTED] Mitigation trees will help and keen to discuss options. Would prefer natives, and was concerned about wind noise. Will provide info on wind effects.	Memo on wind noise supplied. Should see how early trees can be done.
19-Oct-23	Meeting	Waipara Community Committee	JA GH	Introduce solar project	Presentation to Glenmark Community Board.	
19-Oct-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA GH	Follow up meeting	Follow up to discuss mitigation. They suggested additional planting areas. Happy to discuss further and continue to explore mitigation options	
19-Oct-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA GH	Follow up meeting	Follow up meeting. Discussed mitigation options relating to tree planting and other projects in the area. Keen to continue to explore further.	
19-Oct-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA GH	Follow up meeting	Follow up meeting on project. Keen to keep informed and happy with project.	
19-Oct-23	Meeting	[REDACTED]	JA GH	Project update	Catch up following last meeting. [REDACTED] Happy with project and keen to know about solar on their homes. Effects on local power system discussed.	
12-May-24	Call	[REDACTED]	JA	Introduction	Call from landowner keen to offer land for the project. Small area but nearby.	Will stay in touch and visit the land
12-Jun-24	Call, Emails	[REDACTED]	JA	Solar farm potential	Contact from nearby land owner offering more land, but is not near the power grid.	Will stay in touch and see if small scale solar for self consumption is suitable.