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Kia ora

Thank you for your request for information regarding interactions between Tararua District Council (TDC), councillors, and Energy Estate/Kākāriki Renewables. We appreciate the opportunity to provide clarity. Below are our responses to the matters you raised.

1. Duration of discussions

The earliest engagement identified is 25th September 2025 – This was a meeting organised with Council to introduce the Kakariki Renewables Platform and team. Again on 25 February 2026, when our Planning Services Manager attended a workshop involving Palmerston North City Council, Manawatū District Council, the Central Economic Development Agency, and a range of energy-sector participants, including Energy Estate and Kākāriki Renewables. Its purpose was to align regional partners around a coordinated, future-focused strategy integrating renewable energy, data centres, freight infrastructure, and land-use planning to support long-term economic and infrastructure outcomes for the region.

2. Communications between TDC staff/councillors and the company or its consultants

The communications identified include:

- Attendance at meeting – Introduction to Kakariki Renewables Platform and Team.
- Attendance at the workshop on 25 February 2026.
- A meeting on 23 April 2026 between Council's Planning Services Manager, Chief Strategic Advisor, and Energy Estate/Kākāriki staff to discuss the potential for developments in the Tararua District.
- A subsequent meeting involving Mayor Scott Gilmore, the Planning Services Manager, the Chief Strategic Advisor, and the Chief Executive to discuss regional strategy.
- A meeting on 21 May 2026 between TDC staff and Kākāriki Renewables regarding consenting pathways. The Planning Services Manager notes that no project-specific discussions have occurred beyond information publicly available on the company's website.

3. Funds provided to TDC

There is no record of any funds being provided to TDC by Energy Estate, Kākāriki Renewables, or any associated consultants for commercial investigation or any other purpose.

4. Planning process status and public notification

Based on Council's information, none of Kākāriki Renewables' projects—including the Mākākahi wind project—have been lodged for consent under either the Resource Management Act (RMA) or the Fast-Track process. TDC has advised the company to pursue an RMA pathway to ensure community voice is retained. As no application has been submitted, no planning process is currently underway and therefore no public notification is required at this stage.

5. Funds passed to iwi

Council has no information indicating that any funds have been provided to iwi by the company in relation to initiating any project.

TDC staff have also emphasised to Kākāriki Renewables the importance of community consultation and have recommended the RMA consenting pathway for this reason. The company has expressed support for this approach and indicated an intention to undertake early engagement with the community.

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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Monday, 25 May 2026 8:00 am

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: Acknowledgement - Request for Information re Proposed Windfarm

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding a proposed windfarm between Pahiatua and Eketāhuna.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 22 June 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

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.

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