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Te Rere Hau Repowering Project Update

Following on from our correspondence and engagement in 2021, we would like to provide an update on Te Rere Hau Repowering Project. In October we let you know we would be applying for Te Rere Hau Wind Farm Repowering to be considered for referral under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020.

We are writing to let you know that in late March the Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment, accepted our application for referral. This means that once the referral order has been approved, NZ Windfarms can lodge a resource consent application directly with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), and the Project will be considered by an expert consenting panel.

The Minister agreed that the Project meets the referral criteria, in that it has the potential to offer a range of economic, employment, social and environmental benefits, both locally and nationally. These benefits include employment, climate change mitigation and a faster transition to a low-emissions economy. We also consider, based on the work done to date, that the Project will offer noise reduction to near neighbours.

Next Steps for NZ Windfarms

- Continue ongoing community, iwi and stakeholder engagement and consultation activities.
- Finalise the proposed design.
- Prepare the resource consent application and complete a full assessment of environmental effects.

We are aiming to have the consent application ready to submit to the EPA later in the year.

If you have further questions about the project, please email us at repower@nzwindfarms.co.nz

Yours faithfully



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