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Tēnā koe

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 4 December 2023 and refined on 7 December 2023 for copies of the Assessment Reports for decisions; 202200400, 202200401 and 202200604. This response letter concerns the release of the Assessment Report for cases 202200400 and 2022401 (Aquila Capital Holding GmbH & Far North Solar Farm Limited).

Please note the applicant made another application in conjunction with the applications under case numbers 202200400 and 202200401, the other case number being 202200398 and all three applications were incorporated into one Assessment report. There are too many overlapping features resulting in an inability to produce separate Assessment Reports for case numbers 202200400 and 202200401.

Please find attached the assessment report for 202200400 and 2022401. Some of the information requested is enclosed. However, information relating to a shareholder, Aquila ownership structure and the signature of a LINZ employee have been redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Also some information relating to project and investment details have been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

We note your request for the Assessment report in case number 202200604. We are currently undertaking our standard third-party consultation and will respond to you once that process has been completed.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note, this response letter outlining our decision on your request, with your personal details withheld, and any attached documentation will be published on the Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand website. This is likely to be published by 31 January 2024

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