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## The submission period is now open

Horizons Regional Council opened the public submission period on Monday 6 November. We recognise that some people are supportive of the project, while others are not. We encourage everyone to express their views by making a submission on the proposal. This can be done through the Horizons Regional Council website listed below. Please note that the submission period closes on Wednesday 6 December.

[www.horizons.govt.nz/managing-natural-resources/consents/meridian-energy-limited](http://www.horizons.govt.nz/managing-natural-resources/consents/meridian-energy-limited)

Below is some brief information to help guide anyone wishing to make a submission:

- A submission must state whether the person making the submission supports, opposes or is neutral regarding the resource consent application.
- A submission provides the scope of what a submitter can talk about at a hearing. For example, if the submission states that the submitter is opposed to visual effects, then visual effects can be discussed by the submitter, or their appointed experts, at a hearing.
- In terms of submission content, the best resources for this are the Friend of Submitter which the four councils have organised to assist submitters with the process. They are an independent planning consultant that is available to assist submitters to understand the planning process and help them make an effective submission.
- We also suggest you check out the Ministry for the Environment's document Everyday guide to the Resource Management Act: Making a submission about a proposed plan or resource consent <https://environment.govt.nz/assets/Publications/Files/3.2-making-a-submission.pdf>. A key tip from this resources is that to write a clear and effective submission, you should:
  - stick to the current resource consent application – don't get distracted by personal issues or past disputes;
  - focus on the environmental effects;
  - be specific about your concerns and how you want them addressed;
  - tell the hearing panel what you want – don't leave them to guess
  - write in clear, simple, everyday language.



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## Project overview

We're proposing to build a wind farm (known as Mt Munro Wind Farm), located approximately **five kilometres south of Eketāhuna**. It would comprise of 20 turbines, generating around 300GWh of energy annually, enough to power about 42,000 average homes.

The wind turbines, internal cable network (including transmission line), new access roads and a substation are proposed to be located within three location-based envelopes as shown on the figure below:

