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## COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSION – GLORIT SOLAR FARM

As you may already be aware, Lightsource bp and Contact Energy are proposing to develop a solar farm on land off Omaumau Road, Glorit, as part of our 50/50 joint venture to develop, construct and operate new solar farms across New Zealand. The joint venture's initial ambition is to create enough clean, affordable electricity to power 50,000 homes across New Zealand by 2026.

The Glorit Solar Farm would consist of an (approximately) 160 megawatt (MWdc) photovoltaic solar farm and associated infrastructure, as well as a transmission line to connect the site with the existing Transpower transmission network located approximately 2km east of the site. The proposed grid connection location is still being investigated, but is expected to be in the vicinity of the Glorit Hall. We are working closely with Transpower to firm up this detail.

To find out more about the project, we would like to invite you to a drop in session to discuss the project in more detail.

Date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Time: 5.30pm until 8pm

Location: Glorit Hall, 2995 Kaipara Coast Highway (SH16), Glorit, Auckland

Members of the project team will be present to answer any questions you may have and take on board any feedback. This information evening is a vital part of our development process, and will help inform the final design of the project.

### CAN'T ATTEND THIS INFORMATION EVENING?

If you cannot attend this information evening and would still like to discuss the project with us, please get in touch with us via the contact information below. We'd be happy to arrange an alternate time to meet.

### KEY PROJECT STATISTICS

- 160 MWdc of solar energy.
- Potential for co-located battery storage on site.
- 220 ha project site.
- Equivalent to the energy needs of approximately 33,000 households.
- Connecting to the existing 220kV overhead transmission line to the east of the site, in the vicinity of Glorit Town Hall.
- Expected to employ up to 200 people during the construction period.
- Operational life of at least 35 years.
- We will be looking to utilise local companies and services in the first instance throughout the construction and life of the solar farm.

### WHO WE ARE

Contact Energy is one of New Zealand's largest energy retailer and generators. We generated 8.3 terawatt hours of electricity from hydro, geothermal and gas in the last financial year and have over 550,000 customers with electricity, gas and broadband connections. Our vision is to build a better Aotearoa New Zealand by leading New Zealand's decarbonisation journey.



Lightsource bp is a global market leader in the funding, development and long-term management of large-scale solar projects and smart energy solutions. We work closely with local businesses to deliver sustainable renewable energy projects.

Lightsource bp and Contact Energy are supported by Beca as lead consultants on this project.

If you would like to arrange a meeting or have any other questions with regards to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

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