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**Subject:** CM: Final response - LGOIMA 342789 - S 7(2)(a) - Solar farms in Hamilton City  
**Date:** Monday, 4 September 2023 9:05:05 am  
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

*I am looking into solar farms around New Zealand. Are you able to confirm how many solar farms currently exist in your District and if there are any applications currently pending?*

**Our response:**

Hamilton City Council do not hold specific information around solar farms that are or are not located within the Hamilton City boundaries. However, under the current Operative District Plan, solar farms would likely require a land use consent under the Chapter 25.7 for Network Utilities.

As such, we have searched our consent records for applications (whether approved or pending) that are for a network utility. A review of this list has not presented any applications which identify the network utility proposed is a Solar Farm, therefore we are refusing your request in accordance with S17(e) – this information doesn't exist.

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 [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** S 7(2)(a)

**Sent:** Friday, 11 August 2023 11:57:37 am

**To:** S 7(2)(a) >

**Subject:** Re: Solar farms

Hi there,

I am looking into solar farms around New Zealand. Are you able to confirm how many solar farms currently exist in your District and if there are any applications currently pending?

Many thanks,

S 7(2)(a)