

# Tauhei Solar Farm

## December 2025

*A joint venture between Harmony Energy and First Renewables (part of Clarus)*

Kia Ora Koutou,

Construction on New Zealand's largest solar farm is going very well, and we are now approximately halfway through the project.

In July, we reached a special milestone with the "Golden Row" up and running. The first row of panels, up and operational, which also assists with quality assurance. The solar farm village is now powering itself, including site offices and facilities!

Once again, many thanks for your understanding and patience as we continue to complete the project.

We are committed to keeping you updated and addressing any issues or concerns you have throughout project so please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Have a safe and merry Christmas.



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*View from the West Power Blocks*

### Tauhei Solar Farm Grant Programme 2025

Throughout this year we have contributed over **\$45,000** to support local groups and projects as part of our commitment to the community including:

- **Te Aroha Light up the Domain**
- **Te Aroha Community Health Shuttle**
- **Future Te Aroha for heating and insulation of community centre**
- **Analogue Aotearoa/Under the Mountain Arts Festival Weekend**
- **Predator Free Te Aroha**
- **Te Aroha Christmas Parade**
- **Te Aroha Riding for the Disabled**
- **Paint the town with Aroha**

### Your Feedback

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### Christmas Shutdown Period

**19 December 2025 - 5 January 2026**

*Our site village will be monitored by 24/7 security and CCTV during this time.*

# Life on the Tauhei Solar Farm

## Life on the farm is busy

Our work force has grown to over **280** people (40% from the Matamata -Piako District) and we are working six days a week. We are about to hit our strides with a busy few months over summer as we continue to install the piles and panels.

In November we took delivery of a 240MVA transformer. The 130-tonne transformer steps up electricity voltage from 33kV to 110kV, so it can then be transmitted on the high-voltage national transmission network.



View from Above



Oversize transformer arriving on site on a 17-axle, 56 metre long truck

## Overhead line complete

We have also completed the overhead transmission line on the farm. This is where the solar farm connects to the underground cable on Mikkelsen Road. It includes 27 power poles and a tri pole (transition structure).

## 110KV Cable Install

We have also started work on the underground cable along the road reserve on Mikkelsen Road. The 110kV cable connects the solar farm into the Waihou substation.

At the moment there is significant traffic management in place on Mikkelsen Road, and we are very appreciative of resident's patience and understanding while we complete this stage.

We are expecting to be finished this part of the project in March 2026.



110kV underground cable drums arrive on site for installation this month.



Example of an underground Cable joint Bay

## Getting around the Farm

With our work sites being so far away from the town centre, we use buses to move our crews around. It's a safe and time efficient way of navigating around the farm.