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From: Administration Requests
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To: [REDACTED]
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Subject: FW: LGOIMA - Consent Required For Solar Power Systems

Hi Kristy

Thank you for your request for information relating to solar photovoltaic installations. Please see below Council's response to your questions.

Regards Linda



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

From: Kristy Hoare [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 11:16:49 AM
To: Council
Subject: Consent Required For Solar Power Systems

Hi,

I am on the board of SEANZ (sustainable energy association NZ). I am collecting Solar PV installation requirements from all New Zealand council's and compiling them in a database for our members.

The information I am seeking is in regards to solar photovoltaic (PV) installations not solar hot water.

Can you please help provide details on the following?

- What consents are required if any? (building consent, resource management consent, environmental impact consent etc.)

Where there is associated plumbing a building consent is required. There is the option of applying for an exemption under schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004, however, granting an exemption is at the discretion of Council and would be on a case by case basis depending on the work involved which required consent.

- How much they cost/ charge for the consent

Consent application fees are currently based on the value of work and solar panels would be categorised under 'additions' please refer to Kaipara Fees & Charges on website, link below.

<https://www.kaipara.govt.nz/site/kaiparadistrictcouncil/files/pdf/A-Z%20Documents/Fees%20and%20Charges/Fees%20&%20Charges%202018-2019%20ADOPTED.pdf>

- The turnaround/completion time for consent processing

As per the Building Act Council has 20 days to process a consent application. However, the time taken to process depends on work load as well as complexity of application. A solar panel application would

typically take only a couple of hours, however, the BCA has 20 days to manage the process and the time taken as stated, depends on the volume of work at the time.

- Whether the council guarantees the turnaround /processing time

No.

- Date the consent came into play/action (if available)

Kaipara Council BCA uses an online consenting system whereby the applicant, after applying for a login, has the ability to see the process from date of application to the end i.e. code compliance certificate.

- Any other info of importance for SEANZ members?

No.

- Do you have a link on your website regarding solar power installation regulations?

No. The regulations covering solar power would include the Electrical Regulations 2010, Plumbing regulations, several Standards and the Building Act 2004.

Interpretation of these regulations are complex and applied by the professionals in the respective industry.

Thank you for your time, this is much appreciated.

Kind regards

Kristy Hoare



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