



## Harapaki Wind Farm Development, Hawke's Bay

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Kia ora koutou

I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed a good festive season.

I am pleased to advise that Harapaki, Meridian Energy's wind farm development in the Hawke's Bay has been approved for construction by the Meridian Board.

Harapaki will be New Zealand's second-largest wind farm with 41 turbines generating 176 MW of renewable energy, enough to power over 70,000 average households. We expect construction to take around three years, contribute over \$150 million to the local and national economy, and create approximately 260 new jobs during its construction.

We are committed to ensuring that we create as many of those job opportunities as we can for the benefit of the local community.

We'd like to thank all those involved in the project for their patience so far. Our decision to commence construction is a sign of confidence that clean energy infrastructure can deliver strong economic benefits.

### Clean energy

Renewable generation is an engine of economic growth for New Zealand. There's a massive clean energy transformation underway in the New Zealand economy and now is the time to tackle climate action to support Aotearoa accelerate its transition away from fossil fuels.

Harapaki will use advanced wind generation technology from Europe to set new benchmarks for turbine efficiency

and sustainable construction practices. Design reviews have lowered the amount of concrete and steel needed in construction, reducing the overall carbon footprint of the project by over 30%.

Our vision is for Harapaki to be New Zealand's most sustainable wind farm and one that delivers transformative economic growth and advances our goals for climate action.

### Construction programme

Later this year, you will start to see activity on the wind farm site as our construction team prepares for the main civil works commencing in September. Further information on the construction programme will be provided once arrangements are finalised with key suppliers and stakeholders.

If you have any queries about the project, please email us at [harapaki@meridianenergy.co.nz](mailto:harapaki@meridianenergy.co.nz).

For information about employment opportunities, please register your details [here](#). Please ensure you include an **apostrophe** in Hawke's Bay as the location and **construction** as the key word.

Ngaa mihi

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