

SOLAR FARM

Stage: Completed
Est. Start Date: Apr-Jun 2025
Our Estimate: \$300,000,000
Location: Te Aroha

TAUHEI SOLAR FARM

Update: 23 (LR 12/3/2026)
Project ID: AL8010

Date: 18/06/2026

- Specification:**
- 263ha; approx 50Mw, 330,000 solar panels on sheep grazing land.
 - Power station; 2 substations.
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 - 6.9ha ecological restoration of a wetland with riparian planting.
 - Boardwalks for educational visits from school students & community groups.
 - Roosting trees for native bats.
 - Panel array separation & height above ground will allow for continued pasture growth, added benefit of shade & shelter for the sheep that will be grazed at the site.
 - 182ha site at Te Aroha West.
 - To be connected to the Waihou substation at 40 Mikkelsen Road.
 - Lot 1 DPS 83767, Section 1 Block X Tapapa SD & Lot 2 DPS 83767; Pt Lot 1 DP 11891; Pt Lot 2 DP 11891.
- Description:**
- **Work completed** for a new agrivoltaic solar farm in Te Aroha West.
 - Supply onto the national grid expected to begin Jun 2026.
 - Application under the Covid19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) granted.
 - Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has approved proposal.
 - (Matamata Piako BC203595) Building Consent issued Jul 2025 for Pv mounting structures for Tauhei Solar Farm (\$12.96175mill).
 - (Matamata Piako BC203666) Building Consent issued Jul 2025 for PCU foundations (\$972.173K).
 - Mechanical works completion expected Mar 2026, for largest solar farm in NZ.
 - Supporting work on Waihou Transpower substation programmed for completion Jun 2025.
 - Tauhei Solar Farm Extension [AV8406](#).
 - **Subcontractor added: electrical.**
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