

## Renewable Energy Issues and Options

### What do you think?

Please send your comments to:  
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Or comment online at  
[www.qldc.govt.nz/district\\_plan\\_review](http://www.qldc.govt.nz/district_plan_review)

**Comments should be received by 30 November 2012** although feedback on these issues will be welcome at anytime during the review process.

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### What are we doing?

We are reviewing the District Plan and looking at what works well and what needs to be changed.

In response to the new National Policy Statement on Renewable Electricity Generation and community feedback we are looking at the rules around solar panels, small scale wind turbines, micro hydro and biomass.

## When Should Solar Panels Need Resource Consent?

We're proposing that domestic solar panels for electricity or hot water **shouldn't need resource consent providing:**

- 1 Panels comply with the zone rules for setbacks, height and recession planes and sit within a building platform if there is one.
- 2 All components match the roof or walls (usually that would mean a recessive and non-reflective colour).

**Q** Do you agree that solar panels should not require resource consent when they meet the points above?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Q** Are there any other points you think should be considered?

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## Where Should Solar Panels Need Resource Consent?

We propose that solar panels should still require resource consent in the following special character areas:

- Residential Arrowtown Historic Management zone
- Town Centre Special Character areas
- Open Space zones
- Sites of significant indigenous vegetation
- Any open space and landscape buffer areas identified on any of the Special zone structure plans
- Outstanding Natural Features, Outstanding Natural Landscapes and Visual Amenity Landscapes

**Q** Do you agree that resource consent should still be required in areas with special character?

☐ Yes ☐ No



## Should small scale wind turbines, micro hydro and biomass systems need resource consent?

We propose that these systems should still require resource consent because the structures associated with them vary in scale, and:

- 1 The wind resource in the district is inconsistent and there are potential effects from noise.
- 2 Micro hydro may impact on waterflow which is a matter for the Otago Regional Council.
- 3 Biomass may impact on discharges to air which is also a matter for the Otago Regional Council.

**Q** Do you agree that these systems should still require resource consent?

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Q** Any comments?

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