

Kaiwaikawe wind farm project benefits

The proposed Kaiwaikawe Wind Farm will support the delivery of economic development and environmental objectives within the Kaipara region.

There will be a range of environmental, economic and social benefits including but not limited to:

- Create opportunity for **local employment** during construction with an expected 100 jobs and up to four full-time staff during the operating life of the wind farm (~30 years).
- Generation of enough **clean energy** to power around 25,000 homes each year.
- Assist New Zealand to increase the proportion of electricity is generated from **renewable energy** sources and achieve its climate policy ambitions.
- The establishment of a **Lend a Hand Foundation** which is a community investment fund to support local initiatives, clubs, associations and needs in the region.

Employment

A Wind Farm brings many direct opportunities for employment to the region during both the construction phase and ongoing operations once the Wind Farm is commissioned. The Kaiwaikawe Wind Farm will create an opportunity for local employment during construction and full-time staff during its operating life.

Flow on employment benefits are also achieved as the project will bring demand for local business services and consumer goods. Most regions have a range of businesses that will provide services to a wind farm project.

These include domestic scale electricians, transport operators, machine operators, general labourers, quarries, concrete suppliers.

To register interest in providing goods or services for the Kaiwaikawe Wind Farm project please contact us kaiwaikawewindfarm@mercury.co.nz.

Sharing with the community – the Lend a Hand Foundation

Mercury is committed to enhancing the communities it works alongside. Mercury will develop the **Lend a Hand Foundation** which is a community investment fund, run by a community-led group, to support local initiatives, clubs, associations and needs in the region.

The Lend a Hand Foundation will be developed when construction of the project commences and will operate for the life of the wind farm. Further information relating to benefit sharing will be communicated progressively.