

Technical Advice – Terrestrial Invertebrates by Richard Toft

Date	28 August 2025
To	Ellie Watson, Environmental Manager – South Island Renewables, Genesis Energy
From	Richard Toft, Entecol Limited
Project advice provided for	Tekapo Power Scheme – Applications for Replacement Resource Consents
Documents referred to	(1) Ong, C.P.; Toft, R.J, 2025. A Review of Terrestrial Invertebrate Information for the Tekapo Power Scheme Resource Consents. <i>Entecol Report ENT-063</i> (submitted as Appendix O Terrestrial Invertebrates Tekapo PS Reconsenting with the Genesis Fast-track Approvals Act Tekapo applications). (2) 12_25 Aug Forest and Bird Statement of Evidence of Mike Harding (3) 12_25 Aug Comments by Forest and Bird (4) 8_25 Aug CRC - s53 planning advice comments
Qualifications	Principal Insect Ecologist with Entecol Ltd Dip. Wildlife Management (with distinction), University of Otago 1995 Awarded the Southfert Co-operative Prize for Conservation Research, 1995. Winner WWF Conservation Innovation Award 2015 37 years experience as a practising insect ecologist (DSIR, Landcare Research, and Entecol Ltd). Authored 25 papers related to insect ecology in refereed scientific journals Authored >60 contract reports, articles and other publications on insect ecology
Code of Conduct	As an expert witness I have read, and I am familiar with, the Code of Conduct for expert witnesses contained in the Environment Court Practice Note 2023. This memorandum has been prepared in compliance with that Code. In particular, unless I state otherwise, this response is within my area of expertise and I have not omitted to consider material facts known to me that might alter or detract from the opinions I express.
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- I have reviewed the evidence prepared by Forest and Bird / CRC and my assessment on terrestrial invertebrates still stands (Ong, C.P.; Toft, R.J, 2025. A Review of Terrestrial Invertebrate Information for the Tekapo Power Scheme Resource Consents. *Entecol Report ENT-063*).