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## MINUTE 5 OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Commencement date

Tekapo Power Scheme [FTAA-2503-1035]

(1 July 2025)

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[1] I have considered the participants' memorandum dated 23 June 2025. At this stage, I do not propose to provide a further response, as I do not believe it would assist the process.

[2] The participants raise preliminary issues of law. The view that the participants take on these issues will inform the commentary filed pursuant to s 53. Having received no advice to the contrary, I will assume the commentary period alone is sufficient.

[3] In addition to the statutory period for commentary, the participants propose a 50 working day period. This is the minimum period required given:

- (a) At the convener's conference, the Regional Council had yet to review the application and was unable to assist me with the scope of issues likely to arise.
- (b) Genesis Energy Ltd and Canterbury Regional Council engaged on the substance of the application only last week.
- (c) Genesis Energy Ltd and Canterbury Regional Council have both identified matters of law requiring determination. These matters do not concern the interpretation of the FTAA.

[4] Waitaki Rūnanga advised yesterday that they have no concerns regarding the appointment of a prospective panel member with expertise in tikanga whom I identified.

[5] The commencement date for the panel will be on or after 7 July 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane'.

Jane Borthwick

Panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024