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Fast-track
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Response to comments – Genesis Energy Limited

Tekapo Power Scheme

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- 1 Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, Te Rūnanga o Waihao, and Te Rūnanga o Moeraki (collectively, *Kā Rūnaka*) provided comment on the application by Genesis Energy Limited (*Genesis*) for replacement resource consents in relation to the Tekapo Power Scheme under sections 53 and 54 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. Kā Rūnaka are the three Papatipu Rūnanga of Ngāi Tahu that represent mana whenua in the project area and wider Waitaki catchment.
- 2 Kā Rūnaka have reviewed the comments provided and specifically the changes to the consent conditions proposed by the Canterbury Regional Council (*Environment Canterbury*) and the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society (*Forest & Bird*). Kā Rūnaka remain of the view that the consent conditions proposed by Genesis are appropriate and no further changes are required.
- 3 In particular, Kā Rūnaka are concerned that the changes to the Indigenous Biodiversity Enhancement Programme (*IBEP*) proposed by Environment Canterbury put the programme at risk, with the potential to frustrate the stated purpose of the programme. Kā Rūnaka are firmly of the view that this programme is appropriately led by the Department of Conservation, in partnership with Kā Rūnaka, Genesis and Meridian Energy Limited. Any involvement of Environment Canterbury must not paralyse or over-complicate the decision-making process, to the detriment of the proposed enhancement and restoration.
- 4 Forest & Bird have not engaged with Kā Rūnaka in relation to Takapō, this Fast-track process or the consent conditions that they seek extensive amendments to. Forest & Bird's comments do not reflect the position of Kā Rūnaka, which is clearly stated in the letters of support provided with the application, the Treaty Impact Assessment and the comments provided under sections 53 and 54 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.
- 5 In summary, Kā Rūnaka are opposed to the proposed changes to the consent conditions sought by Environment Canterbury and Forest & Bird.

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