Date	10 December 2025
То	Waitaha Hydro Expert Panel
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From	Rob Greenaway
Project advice provided for	Waitaha Hydro Scheme
Documents referred to	Waitaha Hydro Scheme Substantive
	Application Appendix 28 Recreation
Signature	

- I prepared Appendix 28 Recreation Report attached to the Waitaha Hydro Substantive Application.
- 2. I have reviewed Westpower and its experts' responses to questions 1 to 9 of the Panel's Request for Further Information dated 19 November 2025 (RFI). As requested by the Panel, I confirm that my conclusions remain the same, in light of the information responding to questions 1 to 9 of the RFI, and the findings in the Te Tai o Poutini Plan – Decisions Version regarding the classification of parts of the Project site as Outstanding Natural Landscapes.
- 3. In particular, the TTPP Decisions Version confirms the following with respect to ONLs in relation to the Project:
 - (a) ONL 18 Mt Elie De Beaumont Mt Whitcome (which concerns the weir and upper tunnel portals).
 - (b) ONL 22 Bonar, Rangitoto & Bald Hill Ranges (which concerns the power station and transmission line up to MacGregor Creek).
 - (c) Confirmation that Morgan Gorge, whilst located within an ONL
 (generally ONL18) is not a natural feature mapped and identified in Schedule Six – Outstanding Natural Features.
- 4. The Substantive Application, and more particularly, Appendix 27, the Landscape Report, were prepared on the premise that the Project area would have qualified as an ONL, despite not being classified as such under the Westland District Plan at the time of lodgement. I therefore took that into consideration in my assessment of the effects on recreation.