
MINUTE 4 OF THE EXPERT PANEL
Record of Project Overview Conference and Site Visit
Lake Pūkaki Hydro Storage and dam Resilience Works [FTAA-2510-1120]
[10 April 2026]

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to briefly record a summary of the Project Overview Conference and site visit that took place on 1 and 2 April 2026.

Project briefing

[2] The project briefing took place at the Applicant's offices in Twizel from 8.30am to 1.30pm, 1 April 2026.

[3] The following persons from the Applicant's project team were present:

- (a) Hamish Cuthbert
- (b) Kate Berkett
- (c) Grant Telfar
- (d) Stephen Christensen
- (e) Nick Eldred (applicant expert)
- (f) Dr Grant Webby
- (g) Brent Layton (applicant expert)
- (h) Peter Stacey
- (i) André Bresler
- (j) Kim Goodfellow
- (k) Brent Wilson
- (l) Amy Callaghan

[4] The presentation given to the Panel and a recording of the briefing are available on the Fast-track website here:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/lake-pukaki-hydro-storage-and-dam-resilience-works/conferences,-workshops-and-hearings>

Site Visit

[5] The Panel conducted a site visit from 2pm to 4.30pm on 1 April 2026, accompanied by Awesta Seddiqi (EPA) and the following representatives of the Applicant:

Hamish Cuthbert

Kate Berkett

Nick Eldred (applicant expert)

Brent Layton (applicant expert)

Paul Lloyd

[6] The following locations were visited: Pūkaki Dam (Public carpark and visitors centre); Pūkaki Dam Spillway (Gate 19); Pūkaki Canal Inlet (Gate 18); existing rock stockpiles; Tekapo B Station; and Tekapo Canal.

[7] On 2 April, accompanied by Awesta Seddiqi (EPA), the Panel drove SH 80 to Glentanner to view and inspect the Tasman River Delta area.

[8] All enquiries about the matters set out in this minute should be forwarded to Awesta Seddiqi, Application Lead, who can be contacted at info@fasttrack.govt.nz



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