

Tekapo White Water Trust

29 August 2025

Continued Support for Fast-track application – Opposition to Inclusion of Minimum Flows

Further to our previous letter of support, we wish to reaffirm our position regarding the Genesis Energy Limited Fast-track application. The Tekapo Whitewater Trust remain strongly in support of maintaining the status quo and do not support the inclusion of minimum flow requirements being imposed on the Tekapo River for the following reasons:

- **Infrastructure Implications:** The introduction of a minimum flow would require significant redesign and potentially cost-prohibitive replacement of the existing course diversion weir, which would likely prevent the ongoing operation of the course. The existing rock diversion weir is located immediately downstream of the course gates and is required to divert flow from the Upper Tekapo River into the kayak course.
- **Additional Requirements:** New control gates would be needed at the head of the kayak course to manage minimum flows, adding further complexity and expense to the system. The current design requires a dry river bed in order to open the gate structure
- **Relationship Agreement:** The previous agreement served both parties well over many years. In negotiating the new agreement, we have deliberately preserved the elements that contributed to the success of the original arrangement. The system continues to operate effectively, and we see no justification for introducing changes to a framework that remains fit for purpose.

We appreciate the opportunity to reiterate our position. Please feel free to contact us should you require any further information.



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