


Date	10 December 2025
To	Waitaha Hydro Expert Panel FTAA-2505-1069
From	Michael Cambell Copeland
Project advice provided for	<i>Waitaha Hydro Scheme</i>
Documents referred to	<i>Waitaha Hydro Scheme Substantive Application Appendix 15 Economic Benefits</i>
Signature	

1. I prepared Appendix 15 Economic Benefits Report to the Waitaha Hydro Scheme Substantive Application lodged with the Environmental Protection Authority on 8 August 2025.
2. Inadvertently, the scope of my assessment only refers to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
3. The Expert Panel requested a statement from me that confirms I prepared my assessment with consideration of the economic benefits under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.
4. I confirm I considered the economic benefits of the Waitaha Hydro Scheme under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, in particular, under its s 3 purpose "*to facilitate the delivery of infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits*". This included, as relevant, RMA considerations.