

BEFORE THE EXPERT PANEL UNDER THE FAST-TRACK APPROVALS ACT 2024

IN THE MATTER OF an application for resource consents by Manawa Energy Limited (**Manawa**) for activities associated with the listed Kaimai Hydroelectric Power Scheme (**Kaimai HEPS**) Re-Consenting Project

MEMORANDUM FOR THE APPLICANT REGARDING MINUTE 6 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

FTAA-2502-1024 – 4 FEBRUARY 2026

1. On 30 January 2026, the Expert Panel requested further information pursuant to Minute 6 (Receipt of Sediment Monitoring Plan and Request for Information). This Memorandum responds to the Minute 6 Request for Information.

Wetlands

Source of wetland information

2. The Expert Panel has asked Manawa to identify the source of the wetland information contained in section 3.12.2 of the Substantive Application.
3. Manawa obtained advice from Tonkin & Taylor in June 2023 as Manawa was seeking to identify and classify any wetlands that may be captured by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 (**NES Freshwater**). A copy of the letter from Tonkin & Taylor dated 22 June 2023 (**T&T Letter**) is enclosed with this Memorandum.

Map showing the location of wetlands

4. All possible wetland areas identified in the T&T Letter are shown on the three maps attached to the T&T Letter. These maps distinguish those which are considered to be natural inland wetlands as defined by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, and those which are not.

Assessment

5. The Expert Panel has asked Manawa to describe what assessment has been undertaken of the effects of the Kaimai HEPS on these wetlands.
6. The T&T Letter has been prepared based on a combination of field and desktop assessment. It identifies possible wetland areas close to the footprint of the Kaimai Hydro-Electric Power Scheme, and those which are considered to be “natural inland wetlands”. At section 3, the T&T Letter concludes that as there are no asset upgrades or changes, or significant changes to the discharge operational activities specified under the existing consents, the wetland habitats that are identified as being potentially or partially reliant on Scheme elements are not likely to be impacted by continued operation of the Kaimai HEPS.
7. On the basis of the T&T Letter, Manawa formed the view that no further assessment was necessary. We also note that as previously advised no resource consents are required under the NES Freshwater.

Resource consents

8. The Expert Panel has asked if the current resource consents are materially different from those granted under the Water and Soil Conservation Act 1967,

and in particular, whether there have been any material changes to the consents under the Resource Management Act 1991.

9. Manawa has prepared a summary of the changes that have been made to the current resource consents, and the summary entitled “Key Changes to the Kaimai Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Consents under the Resource Management Act 1991” is enclosed with this Memorandum.

DATED at Tauranga this 4th day of February 2026



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Enclosures:

1. Letter from Tonkin & Taylor dated 22 June 2023.
2. Key Changes to the Kaimai Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Consents under the Resource Management Act 1991.