

28 January 2026

Environmental Protection Authority

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FTAA-2502-1024 - Kaimai Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 Council Reference: RC14881FA

Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) provide the following comments pursuant to section 53(2) of Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA). The purpose of these comments is to assist the Panel in their decision-making process under the Act.

Background and Context

As we have previously advised, WBOPDC is the territorial authority where the application is located. By way of background WBOPDC staff met with representatives of the applicant and their agent prior to the application with the EPA. The applicant and WBOPDC did not identified any "reasons for application" within the WBOPDC jurisdiction. All "reasons for application" sat with the Bay of Plenty District Council (BOPRC) to assess and respond to. WBOPDC has not been required to participate in conditions discussions as they centred around Regional Council matters.

Comments

We recognise the request for comments from the Expert Panel.

WBOPDC does not have any specific comments to make on the application but wishes to remain on record our ongoing availability to assist the BOPRC and the EPA if required.

We anticipate a copy of the consent conditions in due course to be retained on Council records for reference and to assist Council staff should any customer service enquiries be received.

If you have any questions please contact Chris Watt, Development Project Facilitator at [REDACTED]

Ngā mihi nui

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Christopher Watt
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