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To Whom it may concern

We are writing to reiterate our support for Genesis Energy's application to reconsent the Tekapo Power Scheme, based on its current operational framework. We acknowledge that the Fast Track Panel has received submissions recommending that a minimum flow to the Takapō River will be considered.

Mt Cook Alpine Salmon (MCAS) opposes any departure from the current operation of the Tekapo Power Scheme. A minimum flow would adversely affect established activities, including MCAS salmon aquaculture in the Tekapo Canal.

Mandating a minimum flow would fundamentally alter the operation of the Tekapo Power Scheme, and from our perspective a minimum flow would trigger more frequent canal shutdowns which could have significant effects on water quality in the canal. This would pose a serious risk to MCAS's activities in the Tekapo Canal— in particular, fish life, fish health and welfare and operational continuity. If such disruptions become routine, they could undermine the long-term viability of MCAS's Tekapo farms, with significant economic and environmental repercussions.

MCAS is a significant employer in the Mackenzie District employing over 80 people in the region, contributing to several local support initiatives, and its operations also have a favourable flow on effect to local tourism.

The output from the Aquaculture farms sustains further employment across the company including the MCAS processing plant in Timaru and a Smoke House in Christchurch.

Blake Swift

General Manager Twizel Operations

Jaco Swart

General Manager - Aquaculture

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