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27 March 2026

Expert Panel

By email: [substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz)

Tēnā koe,

## **Invitation to comment on Waitaha Hydro project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Waitaha Hydro project under section 72 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the decision of the Expert Panel and the conditions subject to that decision.

Mauri ora

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tama Potaka'.

Hon Tama Potaka

**Te Minita Whanaketanga Māori me Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti**