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Dear Daya,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Genesis Energy's application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) regarding the Tekapo Power Scheme (project-2503-1035).

The application is seeking an extension of existing consents to continue operating the nationally significant renewable energy generator. I would like to offer my support for the project as:

- it will continue to provide regional employment opportunities;
- it aligns with the purpose of the FTAA to deliver infrastructure and development projects with significant regional or national benefits; and
- it supports the Government's goal of doubling New Zealand's renewable electricity generation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I look forward to learning about the outcome of the project's application in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Mark Patterson
Minister for Rural Communities