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### **Request for information from Tararua Wind Power Limited in relation to the Mahinerangi Wind Farm application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024**

The Mahinerangi Wind Farm Expert Panel (the Panel) has directed the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to request further information from you under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act), relating to the Mahinerangi Wind Farm application.

At the direction of the Panel, the EPA is seeking further information from Tararua Wind Power Limited regarding **the following**:

1. Provide a supplementary assessment of the implications of any relevant amendments to national direction that came into effect in January 2026.
2. What is the anticipated means of legal protection, if any, for the wetland and aquatic compensation sites?
3. What is intended to be done to protect taonga species under Schedule 97 of the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act, similar to protections undertaken in relation to Threatened or At-Risk species?
4. You have stated that there is a functional need for a number of proposed activities that may affect freshwater. How is 'functional need', as defined in the National Planning Standards and National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, demonstrated in relation to these activities? Your response should include consideration of proposed works at Wetland 43 south of turbine 20, and Wetland 15 south of turbine 5.
5. Explain the application of the National Planning Standards definition of 'reclamation' and Regulation 57 of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 in the circumstances of permanent deposition of material associated with the placement of proposed culverts. Does Regulation 57 apply to these activities in addition to Regulations 45 and 70?
6. Assess how the offset and compensation principles contained in the proposed Otago Regional Policy Statement relate to the identified compensation sites.
7. To what extent do the proposed aquatic and wetland compensation meet or exceed the requirements of the Resource Management (Stock Exclusion) Regulations 2020 (e.g. Regulation 17)?

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8. Given that the proposed works at Lee Stream include the loss of stream extent and associated margins, to what extent are you compensating for the loss of the physical form, structure and extent of the stream reach, its bed, banks and margins, its riparian vegetation and its connections during high flow events?
9. Please provide a comparison of the ecological state of the Scrappy Pines QEII covenant site prior to its protection and enhancement and in its current state.
10. Provide an assessment of health and safety considerations and responses where there is a predicted blade overhang in relation to the public access route.

While not a request under section 67(1) of the FTAA, we also invite the applicant to provide any updates to the application in response to discussions with parties as these become available.

### **Supply of Information**

In accordance with section 67(2) of the Act Tararua Wind Power Limited must:

- a) Provide electronic copies of the information or report requested; or
- b) Advise the EPA, with reasons that you decline to provide the information or report requested.

Accordingly, please provide the requested information to the EPA by **5pm Monday 16 March 2026**. If the information is not received by this date, the Panel will proceed on the basis that the request for further information has been declined.

Please note, the information will be provided to the Panel, the applicant and every person who provided comments on the application. The information will also be made available on the Fast-track website.

If you have any questions, please contact Application Lead, Mujahid Musa by email at [info@fasttrack.govt.nz](mailto:info@fasttrack.govt.nz)

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