
MINUTE 8 OF THE EXPERT PANEL

Memorandum of Counsel for Forest and Bird
Tekapo Power Scheme [FTAA- 2503-1035]

22 October 2025

[1] The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has provided the Panel a memorandum of counsel from Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated (Forest and Bird). The memorandum is dated 20 October 2025 but was received by the EPA during the afternoon of 21 October 2025, being the day after the date set for comments under section 70 of the FTAA.

[2] Forest and Bird's memorandum does not provide comments under section 70 or any additional advice, report or information for the Panel's consideration. As such, the Panel does not consider that receiving the memorandum of counsel:

- (a) Requires the exercise of the Panel's discretion under section 81(6)(b) of the FTAA; or
- (b) Will prejudice the Applicant's ability to provide any response under section 70(4) of the FTAA.

[3] The Panel accordingly acknowledges receipt of Forest and Bird's memorandum of counsel and records that it will not be considered further in the Panel's decision-making on the application.



Daniel Sadlier
Expert Panel Chair

Attachment 1 – Memorandum of counsel for Forest and Bird