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Kia ora Kate,

Section 30(3)(b) of the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for your email dated 6th October 2025 regarding Meridian Energy Limited (Meridian) proposed Lake Pūkaki hydro storage and dam resilience works.

We acknowledge that the proposal is not listed under Schedule 2 of the Fast Track Approval Act 2024 (FTAA).

In accordance with section 30(3) of the FTAA, the Canterbury Regional Council is required to:

...advise the authorised person—

(a) of any existing resource consent to which section 124C(1)(c) or 165ZI of the Resource Management Act 1991 would apply if the approval were to be applied for as a resource consent under that Act; or

(b) that there are no existing resource consents of that kind.

We note that Meridian hold consent (CRC185833) to draw the lake below 518 to 515m RL, however we agree that consent is subject to restrictions as described in the referral application. We agree with Meridian's assessment that there are no other consents to take below 515 m RL. The Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan (WCWARP) sets allocation to hydro-electricity generation in Table 5. We understand that this Fast Track application does not seek further allocation beyond that allocated to existing water permits, rather seeks to ease the restrictions to accessing that water (essentially over-riding minimum lake level restrictions for a period of three years).

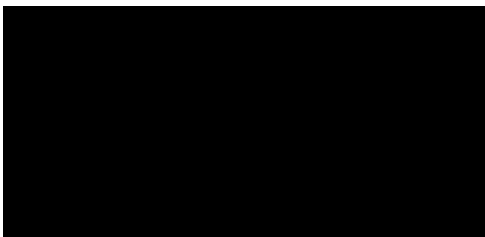
The absence of other consents of the same nature reflects the prohibited status afforded under Rule 12 of the Waitaki Catchment Water Allocation Regional Plan.

Further, there are no consents that are held in relation to the proposed rock armouring works therefore no competing consents in relation to this proposal. In terms of discharge of contaminants to land or water we also consider there are no competing consents in relation to this proposal.

Canterbury Regional Council can confirm that there are no existing resource consents as per section 30(3)(b) of the Fast Track Approvals Act.

Canterbury Regional Council trust this clarification provides the necessary information for proceeding with the application under the FTAA. Should you require any further information or have additional queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Ngā mihi,



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