
**MINUTE 2 OF THE KAIMAI HYDRO-ELECTRIC
POWER SCHEME EXPERT PANEL**

Request for Information

FTAA-2502-1024

17 December 2025

[1] The Kaimai Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Expert Panel is seeking further information under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act) concerning the discussions between Manawa Energy Limited (The Applicant) and mana whenua participants noted at paragraph [12] of the Panel Convenor's Minute 2 (28 November 2025) that notes "a parallel workstream which the Applicant and mana whenua hope will be concluded with a negotiated relationship agreement".

[2] The Panel requests the Applicant to provide an update on progress with this workstream. This should include detail as to:

- (a) Which mana whenua groups this has involved;
- (b) What (if anything) has been agreed including any proposed changes to consent conditions;
- (c) What (if anything) remains to be resolved and any further steps proposed to seek resolution; and
- (d) Any other matter that could assist the Panel to understand the nature and scope of the relationship agreement.

[3] The Panel requests that the Applicant engages with the relevant mana whenua groups and endeavours to provide a joint written response to the above. Where referencing material that formed part of the substantive application, please identify the document (by reference number, author and date) and the relevant page or paragraph.

[4] In accordance with s 67(3) of the Act, the Panel directs that the information is provided by 4.00 pm, Friday 16 January 2026.

[5] The Panel directs that the EPA publishes the information on the Fast-track website's Kaimai Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Project page.

[6] If you require any further information about this request, please contact the EPA's Application Lead, Keely Paler, at: info@fasttrack.govt.nz.

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Gerald Lanning

Kaimai Hydro-Electric Power Scheme Expert Panel Chair