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Response to request for information from Westland District Council in relation to Application for Waitaha Hydro Scheme/FTAA-2505-1069. (Request under section 67 Fast-track Approvals Act 2024)

1. Introduction

This memorandum provides Westland District Council's written response to the request for information on the above substantive application, issued under section 67 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).

The Council has reviewed the request for information from the Expert Panel (the Panel) dated 23 January 2026, along with the Westpower memorandum regarding National Direction Instruments dated 21 January 2026.

This memorandum is provided by the requested date 9 February 2026 and responds to the two matters raised regarding changes to National Direction Instruments.

2. Planning Assessment

The Council agrees with the Westpower assessment of relevance and impact on the new and amended National Direction Instruments in relation to its application. This assessment does not change Council's position in any way.

The Council welcomes the opportunity to provide comments to the proposed conditions, particularly where the Westpower memorandum dated 21 January 2026 proposes a revised condition for the Council.

3. Conclusion

The Council trusts that the information provided will assist the Panel in its consideration of the substantive application. Council officers remain available to provide further clarification or advice if required.

Sincerely,



Olivia Anderson
Planning Manager