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Fast Track
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CONTACT ENERGY LIMITED - APPLICATION UNDER FAST TRACK APPROVALS ACT – LAKE HAWEA OPERATING RANGE

1. This letter is provided on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Moeraki, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou, Hokonui Rūnanga, Te Rūnanga o Awarua, Ōraka-Aparimu Rūnaka and Waihōpai Rūnaka (collectively, **Kā Rūnaka**).
2. Kā Rūnaka represent mana whenua of the Mata Au (Clutha River) under the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996 and the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Declaration of Membership) Order 2001.
3. Kā Rūnaka understand that Contact Energy Limited (**Contact**) is intending to seek consent(s) under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**Fast-track Act**) that will modify Contact's consented operating range on Lake Hawea
4. The purpose of this letter is to confirm that Contact mentioned this proposal to Kā Rūnaka at a hui on 17 April 2024. Subsequent to this, Kā Rūnaka have established a reference group who have met with Contact to discuss the proposal on two further occasions.
5. Kā Rūnaka accordingly confirm, for the purposes of section 11 of the Fast-track Act, that Contact has begun consultation with Kā Rūnaka.
6. For the avoidance of doubt, Kā Rūnaka:
 - 6.1 do not consider that consultation in relation to the substantive application is 'complete' - rather it is still in an initial establishment phase and is ongoing;
 - 6.2 have a number of initial concerns in relation to the proposal and are not in a position to be able to express any overall view on the proposal at this time;
 - 6.3 have not provided any affected party approval for the purposes of either sections 95A or 95B of the Resource Management Act 1991 or any equivalent under the Fast-track Act.
7. Kā Rūnaka expect to be invited to provide comments on the application under section 17 of the Fast-track Act. Further, in relation to the report on Treaty settlements and other obligations required under section 18 of the Fast-track Act Kā Rūnaka expect that the responsible agency will work with Kā Rūnaka (and Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu as is consistent with its statutory role) in preparing the report.

Ngā mihi



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(on behalf of Kā Rūnaka)
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