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Tēnā koe

Invitation to comment on the Tekapō Power Scheme project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Thank you for the invitation to comment on the Tekapō Power Scheme project under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

I support the application subject to any comments received from the relevant Māori groups identified in both the section 18 report developed by the Ministry for the Environment, and in the Expert Panel Minute under Appendix 1.

I also encourage the Expert Panel to invite comments from Aoraki Environmental Consultancy Limited and have regard to the statutory acknowledgement over Lake Tekapō as provided for by the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998.

Mauriora

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Te Minita mō Te Arawhiti | Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti