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FTAA-2502-1024 – Kaimai Hydro-Electric Power Scheme – Fast Track Approvals Act 2024
Western Bay of Plenty District Council Reference: RC14881FA

Thank you for the Minute of the Panel Convenor dated 12 November 2025 relating to the above project under the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act).

As requested, Western Bay of Plenty District Council (WBOPDC) have considered the content of the Minute and offer the following information which can assist the panel conference on 19 November 2025. Our response follows the structure of Schedule 2 within the Minute.

The number and range of approvals sought.

- WBOPDC is the territorial authority where the application is based. By way of background WBOPDC staff met with representatives of the applicant and their agent prior to the application with the EPA.
- The applicant and WBOPDC have not identified any “reasons for application” within the WBOPDC jurisdiction. All “reasons for application” sit with the Bay of Plenty District Council (BOPRC) to assess and respond to. WBOPDC will provide a supportive role to the BOPRC and the EPA if required.

Complexity & issues

- On this matter WBOPDC would defer to the BOPRC who are tasked with, have experience with, and better positioned to comment on their provisions.

Panel composition

- The territorial authority considers the knowledge and skills required to decide the application are best understood by the BOPRC. To that end, we support and endorse their recommendations as outlined within their response to the Minute.

Procedural matters

- WBOPDC remains available to engage with the Panel as and when required.
- WBOPDC have no procedural matters to raise.

Conditions

- WBOPDC does not anticipate being required to participate in conditions discussions as they will centre around Regional Council matters. However, should there be a need to engage with WBOPDC for any conditions, we are happy to work through as required.

Estimated timeframe

- WBOPDC have no specific comment and will abide by the Panel's timeframes.

Attendance for Western Bay of Plenty District Council

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