



File ref: FTAA-2505-1069

26 November 2025

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Notice of application by Westpower Limited, and invitation to comment under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

Notice of Application

On 8 August 2025, Westpower Limited lodged an application with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for the Waitaha Hydro under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (the Act). The application included applying for the following:

- an approval described in section 42(4)(a) or (d) (resource consent or designation);
- an approval described in section 42(4)(e) (concession);
- an approval described in section 42(4)(h) (wildlife approval);

On 29 August 2025 the EPA determined that the application complied with section 46(2) of the Act. On 12 September 2025 the EPA decided under Ministerial delegation that the application does not have competing applications or existing resource consent under section 47 of the Act and has now referred the application to the Waitaha Hydro expert panel (the Panel) for processing and decision.

A copy of the application(s) and supporting documents can be accessed on the Fast-track website:

<https://www.fasttrack.govt.nz/projects/waitaha-hydro/substantive-application>

Invitation to Comment

The Panel invites you to comment on the above application under sections 53 and 54 of the Act.

If you wish to comment on the application, please submit your comments to the Fast-track Team by email to substantive@fasttrack.govt.nz with the project name in the subject line. A response form is enclosed to assist you with providing relevant details.

Your Comment on the Waitaha Hydro application

Please include all the contact details listed below with your comments and indicate whether you can receive further communications from us by email.

1. Contact Details		
Please ensure that you have authority to comment on the application on behalf of those named on this form.		
Organisation name (if relevant)		
First name	Bryan	
Last name	HBF Chinn	
Postal address	[REDACTED]	
Home phone / Mobile phone	[REDACTED]	Work phone [REDACTED]
Email (a valid email address enables us to communicate efficiently with you)		

2. We will email you draft conditions of consent for your comment			
<input type="checkbox"/>	I can receive emails and my email address is correct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I cannot receive emails and my postal address is correct

Thank you for your comments