

IN THE MATTER

of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (**FTAA**)

AND

IN THE MATTER

of an application by Meridian Energy Limited (**Applicant**)
for approvals for the Lake Pūkaki Hydro Storage and Dam
Resilience Work Project (FTAA-2510-1120)

MEMORANDUM ON BEHALF OF MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED

Panel Convener's Conference

26 January 2026

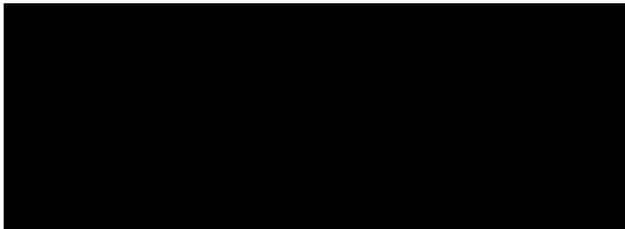
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MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL CONVENER:

1. This Memorandum is filed on behalf of the Applicant, Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**), ahead of the Panel Convener's conference scheduled for 29 January 2026 and in accordance with the direction of the Panel Convener.¹
2. The Applicant will attend the conference.
3. Attached as Schedule 1 is the Applicant's response to the matters to be considered at the conference.
4. Attached as Schedule 2 is the Applicant's estimated timeframe for the fast-track process. The timeframe has been calculated assuming panel commencement on 26 February 2026.



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26 January 2026

¹ Minute 1 of the Panel Convener dated 12 December 2025 at [15] and Minute 2 of the Panel Convener dated 16 December 2026 at [6]