



RE: Minute 7 of the Southland Wind Farm Fast-track project

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Kia ora Keely,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Minute 7 of the Expert Panel in relation to the Southland Wind Farm Project (FTAA-2508-1095).

The New Zealand Game Animal Council has reviewed the amendments to the national direction instruments identified in Minute 7, namely:

- the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management Amendment 2025;
- the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Amendment Regulations 2025; and
- the National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation Amendment 2025.

From the perspective of the Council's statutory functions relating to game animals and hunting, these amendments do not raise any new or amended provisions that materially change our previous comments on the Application.

As outlined in our earlier submission, while the project area is not located on public land, it borders areas of the West Catlins hunting area where game animals such as red deer, fallow deer, goats and pigs are present and provide recreational and subsistence value for local hunters. We do not consider that the amendments identified in Minute 7 give rise to additional game animal or hunting-related effects beyond those already noted but should the scope of the project change in a way that may increase impacts on hunting opportunities or access, we would welcome further engagement at that time.

Ngā mihi, Jenny

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