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**Written Comments on Draft Conditions for Waitaha Hydro Scheme/FTAA-2505-1069.  
(Invitation under section 70, Fast-track Approvals Act 2024)**

**1. Introduction**

This memorandum provides Westland District Council's written comments on the above substantive application, submitted in response to the invitation issued under section 70 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA).

The Council has reviewed the draft conditions for the Waitaha Hydro Scheme (the Scheme) circulated by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

These comments are provided within the prescribed timeframe, ending 27 March 2026.

**2. Comments on Draft Conditions of Consent**

The Council has one minor comment on the draft conditions of consent, as follows:

It is unclear why the wording at the start of Schedule Three refers to regional consents as highlighted in bold below:

These conditions apply to **regional consents** held by Westpower Limited in relation to Land use consent authorising the construction, operation and maintenance of the Waitaha Hydro Scheme including temporary vegetation clearance, investigative drilling, use of helipads and aggregate mining, and permanent flood protection works, signs and water level and river flow recording devices.

**3. Conclusion**

The Council trusts that the comment provided will assist the Expert Panel.

Council officers remain available to provide further clarification or advice if required.

Sincerely,



**Planning Manager**