

BEFORE THE EXPERT PANEL UNDER THE FAST-TRACK APPROVALS ACT 2024

IN THE MATTER OF an application for resource consents by Manawa Energy Limited (**Manawa**) for activities associated with the listed Kaimai Hydroelectric Power Scheme (**Kaimai HEPS**) Re-Consenting Project

MEMORANDUM FOR THE APPLICANT REGARDING RESIDUAL FLOW CLARIFICATION

FTAA-2502-1024 – 2 FEBRUARY 2026

1. On 30 January 2026, the Expert Panel requested the following further information:

The Panel understands that the application includes the additional residual flows for some of the components of the scheme; however, it notes that statements in the substantive application document are inconsistent on this matter. For example, the information in Table 9 states that residual flow is proposed for the Omanawa Weir and Mangapapa Weir, whereas the text in Section 4.2.1 (Omanawa Weir) and 4.2.3 (Mangapapa Weir) states that ‘no residual flow is proposed’ at these locations.

While the Panel therefore assumes the statements in Section 4.2 are errors, at the Panel’s direction the EPA is seeking clarification from the Applicant on the residual flows proposed at these and other locations in the scheme.

2. We confirm that the statements in Section 4.2 regarding no residual flow being proposed at the Omanawa and Mangapapa Weirs are errors, and regret any resulting confusion.
3. We confirm that Manawa proposes the following residual flows:

| Structure | Residual flow proposed |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Opuiaki Weir | 280 l/s |
| Ngatuhoa Weir | 60 l/s |
| Omanawa Weir | 150 l/s |
| Managapapa Weir | 100 l/s |
| Mangakarengorengo Weir | 40 l/s |
| McLaren Falls Dam | 150 /s |

DATED at Tauranga this 2nd day of February 2026



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