
MINUTE OF THE PANEL CONVENER

Panel appointments and decision time frame
Tekapo Power Scheme [FTAA-2503-1035]

(4 July 2025)

[1] The purpose of this Minute is to confirm:

- (a) Appointment of panel members (FTAA, schedule 3).
- (b) The timing of the panel decision (FTAA, section 79).

[2] The following persons have been appointed to decide the substantive application lodged in relation to the Tekapo Power Scheme (FTAA-2503-1035). They are:

- (a) Daniel Sadlier (Chairperson)
- (b) Karen Coutts
- (c) Tony Cussins
- (d) Bianca Sullivan

[3] I have considered the default statutory period under section 79(1)(b). The default statutory period commences before the applicant's responses to comments are received (section 55). It also includes the period for seeking comments on draft conditions (section 70), and, secondly, comments from the Minister for Māori Crown Relations: Te Arawhiti, and the Minister for Māori Development (section 72).

[4] Allowing for these statutory processes and for the reasons given in the Minute 5 dated 1 July 2025, the default period is insufficient.

[5] The panel commencement date for the purpose of s 53 of the Act is 14 July 2025. The decision time frame is 80 working days from panel commencement (approximately 16 weeks). Subject to s 60, the decision is to issue by 4 November 2025.

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Jane Borthwick

Panel convener for the purpose of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024