

**FW: Process update Waitaha Hydro fast-track project [FTAA-2505-1069].**

From Emily Young [REDACTED]
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Cc Rob Schick [REDACTED]; Steve Mason [REDACTED]

Hi Keely,

In addition to the below, please see a comment from Hon Simon Watts, Minister of Climate Change:

“This project will likely have significant national and regional benefits in terms of climate adaptation. The material provided does not indicate significant adaptation risks.”

Thanks
Emily

From: Simon Watts (MIN)
Sent: Friday, 19 December 2025 12:07 pm
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Cc: Daniel Brown [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Process update Waitaha Hydro fast-track project [FTAA-2505-1069].

Dear Keely,

On behalf of Hon Simon Watts, Minister for Energy please see attached his comments for the Waitaha Hydro substantive application [FTAA-2505-1069].

Kind regards,

**Office of Hon Simon Watts**

Minister of Climate Change
Minister for Energy
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Kia ora koutou,