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To whom it may concern,

Invite to comment on draft conditions and decision of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 - Lake Pūkaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft conditions issued by the Expert Panel for the Lake Pūkaki Hydro Storage and Dam Resilience Works project.

As noted in the former Minister for Land Information's feedback of 31 March 2026, there is Crown land (the Lake Pūkaki lakebed) on, and Crown land parcels near, the proposed site. If the project requires any works or installation of assets on the Crown land, then Meridian will need to apply to the Commissioner of Crown Lands. This is because the Land Act 1948 approvals sit outside of the fast-track process.

There are a temporary worksite and a temporary closure proposed for construction of the left abutment that will block off access to Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) land, which includes a LINZ-managed freedom camping site (known as 'Pines Camp') and a Ngāi Tahu Nohoanga site on LINZ-managed land.

As such, I recommend that condition 5a of the draft conditions of CRC262543 Section 13 Consent to disturb and to deposit material on the bed of Lake Pūkaki be amended to add a condition "LINZ (Crownproperty@linz.govt.nz) is notified at least 10 working days prior to the commencements of works".

Sincerely

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