

AGENDA

TITLE: Tasman District Council
Environment & Planning Subcommittee
COMMISSIONER HEARING

DATE: Monday, 9 to Friday, 13 February 2009

TIME: 11.00 am

VENUE: Yacht Club, 322 Wakefield Quay, Nelson

COMMISSIONERS: B Cowie (Chair), J Lumsden and S Bryant

TIME

11.00 am Onwards: Application No. RM060937, RM060938, RM060939, RM060940, RM060941, RM060942 - New Zealand Energy Limited, Matiri Valley, Murchison

The application seeks to undertake the following activities associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of a proposed hydroelectric power scheme at Lake Matiri and the Matiri River:

Land Use Consent RM060942

To undertake an industrial activity being the operation of a hydroelectric power station (at or about map reference M29 538474); and to construct a power station building of approximately 100 square metres adjacent to the Matiri River (at or about map reference M29 538474). In addition, approximately 4 kilometres of new power line is proposed to be constructed on private land to extend the existing Network Tasman pole line from its current northernmost extent to the power station.

Land Use Consent RM060938

- Remove indigenous vegetation and undertake earthworks and land disturbance, which includes a new access track and upgrading of the existing access track and access road and culverts, construction of a 1.6 metre diameter penstock, a power station and tailrace. The vegetation removal includes approximately 50 mature beech trees from the penstock and access track routes;
- Stockpile soil and overburden material at various identified lay down areas;
- To extract gravel from four sites located on river terraces of the Matiri River and the Matiri River (West Branch);

**Land Use Consent
RM060937**

- To construct three weirs, an intake structure, and spillway within 10 metres of the bed of Lake Matiri (at or about map reference M29 546492) and to undertake earthworks and disturb vegetation within 10 metres of the bed of Lake Matiri during construction of the weirs and structures;
- To construct a penstock in the bed of the Matiri River and disturb the river bed during construction for a distance of 100 metres downstream of the lake intake structure and within a sweeping bend of the Matiri River;
- To construct a power station tailrace in the bed of the Matiri River (at or about map reference M29 538474) and to disturb the bed of the Matiri River during construction of the tailrace;
- To construct a temporary ford (Bailey bridge) structure in the bed of the Matiri River (West Branch) at a location approximately 300 metres upstream of confluence with the Matiri River, and, following construction;
- To use the bed of Lake Matiri and the Matiri River to the extent of the permanent scheme structures, including allowing for the ongoing maintenance of the structures.

Water Permit RM060939

To dam Lake Matiri behind three weirs at the Lake Matiri outlet (at or about map reference M29 546492).

The lake will not be operated below its natural minimum level. However, the presence of the weirs will raise the maximum level of Lake Matiri by up to 0.4 metres in a 1-in-100-year flood. The applicant has applied for an exemption to the Buller River Water Conservation Order for these rare events.

Water Permit RM060940

To take and use water from Lake Matiri for hydroelectric power generation purposes at rates up to 6.3 cubic metres per second.

**Discharge Permit
RM060941**

To discharge water from a hydroelectric power station via a tailrace to the Matiri River (at or about map reference M29 538474) at rates up to 6.3 cubic metres per second.

The application site is located at Matiri Valley, Murchison, being legally described as Section 1 SO 15298 and Section 3, marginal strip, bed of Lake Matiri, bed of Matiri River and bed of west branch of Matiri River, Block V, Matiri Survey District

Submissions:

K Byers, W Murray, TrustPower Ltd, Forest and Bird Protection Society, Department of Conservation, G Rowling, Moana Orchard Ltd, P Troon, K Riley, N Sturgeon, K Fry, L Stanton, L Saramet, S Wood, Fish & Game New Zealand, South Island Eel Industry Association Inc, Network Tasman Limited, M Hopkinson, J Brown, New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Association, D Brown and D Grooby, M Almond, I Noble, A Noble, E Keenan, K Keenan, A Jackson, T Thorn, A Ali, T O`Callaghan, L Lloyd, P Lloyd, N Keily, J Martin, D Lambie, M Williams, J Thomson, C Treder, J Ryder, M Inch, I Johansen, D Inch, G Franklin, N Lunn, N Davidson, C Davidson, Kawatiri Energy Co Ltd, J Finigan, R Grimes, R Qusted, R Pollock, L Smith, R Herd, N Vucinic, N Talley, P Salvador, C Drummond, L Pollock, S West, T Sisson, R Sisson, R Richards, R Lovell, S Goodall, C Mitchell, S Pay, L Inch, G Pitman, J McFetridge, N Inch, A Simpson, C Keesing, P Talley, B Manson, J Inch, D Sladen, R Darragh, C Kemp, S Young, B Stebbings, P Smillie, A Mulholland, S Gibbons, M Randle, P Osmond, M Fry, G Fry, C Pitman, P Wilson, G Goodall, P Aydon, D Saunders-Loder, P Taylor, H Seifert, K Anderson, K Hieatt, T McCashin, M Van Drunen, J and B Falkner, Te Runanga and Ngati WaeWae, K Glover, I Frame, H Frame, S Drummond, I Drummond, R Kay, A Kay, R Almond, G Lovell, K Thian, D Slattery, G Gibbons, N Albury, J Talley, A Talley, J Pijfers, H Grooby, D Grooby, T Eden, R Ryan, V Ryan, M Sagar, S Gilmer, C Krammer, D Krammer, M Lunn, K Knapp, G Knapp, P Smith, M Hannen, D Sturgeon, L McConcher, E Ingrisich, R Wratten, B Stevens, T Lummis, P Barron, D Thorn, G Barrow, J Skelton, J Kroupa, L Bourke, S Gottini, P Westrupp, R Whitwell, W Coppins, P Harris, A Hamilton, S Christoffersen, L Kelly, B Prestidge, C Wraight, D Beckett, C Scott, W Hodge, W Van Beek, P Heywood, R Gastrell, P Herrick, K McGlashen, A Wood, D Urquhart, P Bourke, L Keith, C Eggers, A White, D Lusty, J Inglis, T Inglis, J Inglis, A Burkonova, J Veevers, E Shee, A Humphries, B Cederman, W Cederman, B Inglis, F Gray, G Stringer, O McColl, A Cederman, P Holden, A Graham, C Hobbs, B Sturgeon, G Sturgeon, R Hamilton, N Hannen, R Dixon, N Vincent, E Marshall, M Clark, P Heal, T Bisley, M Robinson, R Drummond, P Soane, P McIntosh, M Morgan, H Morgan, E Morgan, P Morgan, N Rogers, S Bradley, R Knapp, R MacKay, V Bloomfield, R Walsh, D Boyes, C Weyers, T Rogers, K Griffith, J Crosbie, D Hansen, K Barrow, R Hawken, G Boyes, J Rangi, M MacKenzie, M Brown, P McKinlay, J Fox, N Lomas, H Haira, J Dunnill, H McMillan, M Antoniuk, M Duffett, J Gearry, D Strong, P Smale, R Sandford, T Morice, M Groenedad, E Everton, L Murray, K Granger, A Todd, B Gilmour, K Gilmour, R Chapman, A Gardner, R Duncan, R Marsom, A Sanson, R Newport, K Thomas, K Jennings, S Fisher, K Leppien,

Late Submissions

P Currie, Whitewater Canoe Club (Inc), Z Shaw, J Rice.

12.30 pm to 1.15 pm: Luncheon Adjournment