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Dear Applicant,

Project not included in Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Bill

Thank you for Contact Energy Limited ("Contact")'s application to have Clutha Hydro Scheme – increasing operational flexibility and efficiency ("the Project") included as a listed project on Schedule 2 of the Fast-track Approvals Bill (the Bill).

Clutha Hydro Scheme – increasing operational flexibility and efficiency ("the Project") will not be listed in Schedule 2 of the Bill.

Ministers will be releasing high level details of the projects on Schedule 2 on or around Sunday 6 October. **Please keep the contents of this email confidential until Ministers' announcements have been made.**

A large number of applications for projects to be included in Schedule 2 were received and, to ensure the functionality of the fast-track system, not all projects could be listed. The projects were assessed by an independent Fast-track Projects Advisory Group who made recommendations to Ministers on suitable projects for inclusion in the Bill. Ministers have now considered these recommendations and have made their final decisions.

Not being listed in Schedule 2 is not a commentary on the merits of the project, nor any future indication on how the project would be assessed if you were to make a future referral application under the Bill once enacted.

The Fast-track Approvals Bill is due to be reported back from Select Committee on 18 October 2024. From there, Schedule 2 will be included in the Bill later this year. The Bill is expected to be enacted before the end of the year.

If you have any questions please contact listedprojects@mfe.govt.nz.

Your sincerely



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