

Canterbury Land and Water Plan – Plan Change 4 Hearing
Genesis Energy Submission

Answer to question from Commissioner van Voorthuysen:

I presented evidence on behalf of Genesis Energy at the Plan Change 4 hearing on Tuesday 15 March 2016. During the hearing, I was asked to confirm whether Genesis Energy held any resource consents for vegetation clearance activities associated with the operation and maintenance of the existing Tekapo Power Scheme infrastructure. I noted at the time that I wasn't aware of any specific resource consents for this activity, but undertook to clarify the matter with Genesis Energy and to report back to the Hearing Commissioners.

I have reviewed the resource consents held by Genesis Energy that are applicable to the operation of the Tekapo Power Scheme and have discussed this matter with Genesis Energy staff, and based on that assessment I advise that Genesis Energy does not hold Regional Council resource consents generally authorising maintenance or vegetation clearance activities for the Tekapo Power Scheme.

To date, Genesis Energy has undertaken maintenance activities in the beds of rivers and streams under a mix of existing use rights and, more recently, permitted activity rules which would be superseded by the rules included in Plan Change 4.



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