

Water Permit
Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991
a resource consent is hereby granted by the
Taranaki Regional Council

Name of
Consent Holder: Opunake Power Limited

Decision Date: 15 March 2022

Commencement Date: 5 April 2022

Conditions of Consent

Consent Granted: To take water from Opunake Lake for the purpose of generating electricity at the Opunake hydroelectric power scheme

Expiry Date: 1 June 2047

Review Date(s): June 2024 and 3-yearly intervals thereafter

Site Location: South Road, SH45, Opunake

Grid Reference (NZTM) 1674025E-5632004N

Catchment: Waiaua

Tributary: Opunake Lake

*For General, Standard and Special conditions
pertaining to this consent please see reverse side of this document*

General condition

- a. The consent holder shall pay to the Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) all the administration, monitoring and supervision costs of this consent, fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Special conditions

1. In addition to the primary purpose of electricity generation this consent authorises water to be taken and used for other reasons stated or implied by the consent conditions, including leakage that is not practical to prevent.
2. Subject to conditions 3 and 4 of this consent, the consent holder shall maintain the water level in Opunake Lake at a height that is no more than 480 mm lower than the lake spillway crest.

Advice Note: When last surveyed the minimum lake level (480mm below spillway crest) was equivalent to 500 mm on the staff gauge.

3. The water level in Opunake Lake may be lower than that specified in condition 2 provided that the:
 - (a) lower level is required to enable specific work to be undertaken for essential maintenance of the Scheme, or to maintain the values of the lake (e.g. weed control, sediment removal); and
 - (b) consent holder has consulted with mana whenua and the submitters to this consent about the proposal; and
 - (c) consent holder provides full details of the proposal, along with the details and outcomes of the required consultation to the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council and they, at their discretion, allow the lake level to be lowered accordingly.
4. The water level in Opunake Lake may be lower than that specified in condition 2 provided that no generation is occurring and that:
 - (a) the lower level is required to ensure that:
 - (i) there is adequate flow through the fish pass; and/or
 - (ii) condition 5 of consent 1795-5.0 (which restricts taking during certain flows) is complied with; and/or
 - (iii) condition 16 of consent 1795-5, condition 2 of consent 1797-4 and condition 1 of consent 10826-1 (all of which requires the scheme to be operated in accordance with a Sediment Management Protocol) are complied with; and
 - (b) the consent holder advises the Chief Executive, Taranaki Regional Council as soon as practicable that the lake level is required to be lower than the minimum.

Consent 1796-4.0

5. The consent holder shall notify the Council within three working days of water first being taken from Opunake Lake for the purpose of electricity generation.
6. The consent holder shall measure and record the water level in Opunake Lake at intervals not exceeding 15 minutes to an accuracy of +25 mm.
7. From a date no later than 6 months after this consent is first exercised, the consent holder shall ensure that the water levels recorded in accordance with condition 6 shall be made available to the Taranaki Regional Council within 2 hours of being recorded.
8. The consent holder shall install and maintain a staff gauge at Opunake Lake so that the level of the lake can easily be observed.
9. In accordance with section 128 and section 129 of the Resource Management Act 1991, the Taranaki Regional Council may serve notice of its intention to review, amend, delete or add to the conditions of this resource consent by giving notice of review during the month of June 2024 and 3-yearly intervals thereafter, for the purpose of ensuring that the conditions are adequate to deal with any adverse effects on the environment arising from the exercise of this resource consent, which were either not foreseen at the time the application was considered or which it was not appropriate to deal with at the time.

Signed at Stratford on 15 March 2022

For and on behalf of
Taranaki Regional Council



A D McLay
Director - Resource Management