

Before the Southland Regional Council Hearing Panel

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of APP-20233670 - resource consent applications to authorise proposed activities at and around the Manapōuri Lake Control Structure, including the Waiiau Arm at the confluence of the Waiiau Arm and Mararoa River

Summary Statement of Evidence of Fiona Black

17 September 2024

Introduction

1. My full name is Katherine Fiona Black.
2. My qualifications and experience are set out in paragraphs one to three of my Evidence in Chief dated 5 September.

Summary of Evidence

3. In my evidence I provide the background to Real Journeys interest in the Manapōuri Lake Control Improvement Project, as this project will effectively compromise the company's ability to undertake the activities currently approved under resource consent numbers AUTH-20222195-01 (Land Use) and AUTH-20222195-02 (Discharge Permit).
4. These resource consents enable Real Journeys to slip their Lake Manapōuri catamarans, which in turns allows Real Journeys to keep these vessels in service. That is, the activities approved under these resource consents provides for the marine survey and maintenance of Real Journeys Lake Manapōuri vessels, which is critical to Real Journeys Lake Manapōuri operation which provides for the transfer of passengers to and from Real Journeys Doubtful Sound Patea and Southern Fiords tourist excursions (pre-COVID-19 this was approximately 60,000 passenger PA).
5. Through consultation, Meridian Energy have provided for an alternative "slipway ramp" location in the development of the Manapōuri Lake Control Improvement Project and Real Journeys is cognisant that the earthworks required to create this alternative slipway ramp site, falls outside the scope of this resource consent application process.
6. Nevertheless, Real Journeys wishes to ensure that the hearing commissioners are aware of the company's requirements (including the time restrictions around slipping the "Titiroa" in 2025), and wishes to ensure that no resource consent conditions are imposed that would compromise the installation of the proposed new "slipway ramp" nor the ability of Real Journeys to vary resource consents AUTH-20222195-01 and 02 to enable the activities approved under these resource consents to be undertaken at this proposed new slipway ramp location.

Fiona Black