

IN THE MATTER of the Resource
Management Act
1991

AND

IN THE MATTER of the submissions by
**GENESIS POWER
LIMITED** on the
Horizons Regional
Plan One Plan -
Chapter 4 (Te Ao
Māori)

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF JARROD BOWLER

(July 2008)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 My qualifications and experience are set out in my evidence given at the opening hearing on the 'Overall Plan'.
- 1.2 I hold the position of Environmental Manager – Renewable Energy for Genesis Power Limited (trading as Genesis Energy “**Genesis Energy**”). In that role I am responsible for environmental management across all Genesis Energy’s renewable energy assets, including the Tongariro, Waikaremoana and Kourarau hydro-power schemes and the Hau Nui Wind Farm.
- 1.3 In my current, and previous (Environmental Co-ordinator / Hydrologist) roles in Genesis Energy since 1999, I have been closely involved with managing environmental assessments and resource consent processes, as well as working with the communities within which we operate.
- 1.4 The evidence and legal submissions presented at the hearing on the 'Overall Plan' detailed how the various renewable generation assets of Genesis Energy provide nationally significant benefits for New Zealand.
- 1.5 Genesis Energy also works hard to understand and address the associated effects on the environment of our operations. That is why the company has committed considerable resources since its establishment in:
 - (a) facilitating consultation processes to identify, understand and address the ongoing effects of our operations, including effects on tangata whenua; and
 - (b) commissioning of technical research by independent specialists to understand the effects of our activities and to continue to monitor our performance against resource consent conditions.
- 1.6 I provided a summary of the process to renew resource consents for the ongoing operation of the Tongariro Power Scheme (“**TPS**”) in my 'Overall Plan Evidence' at paragraphs 2.19 - 2.42. In Sections 3 and 4 of my 'Overall Plan Evidence' I describe the implementation of resource consent conditions and third party agreements, respectively. I note a number of these agreements are with hapu and iwi.
- 1.7 The success of the approach taken is reflected in the Environment Court statements set out at paragraph 2.36 of my earlier evidence. However, the Court also made findings as to significant spiritual and cultural effects.
- 1.8 Genesis Energy continues to try and navigate a process which results in the full participation of tāngata whenua. As my earlier evidence showed, there was such participation for many parts of the TPS, for example resulting in agreements which addressed spiritual and cultural effects.
- 1.9 Nonetheless, Genesis Energy continues to work at exploring ways in which to fully engage with **all** tāngata whenua, and hopefully arrive at agreed outcomes.

2 PROPOSED ONE PLAN - CHAPTER 4 (TE AO MĀORI)

- 2.2 Given the recognition of Māori values in the Resource Management Act, specific provisions in policy statements and plans reflecting such values is appropriate.
- 2.3 Genesis Energy has made submissions in relation to Chapter 4 in order to assist the Hearing Committee with its consideration of whether or not the proposed provisions as notified or recommended in the officers' report accords with the RMA.
- 2.4 In order to assist the Hearing Committee, I attach a table which synthesises the various stages of the submission and hearing process to provide the 'final text' of the wording proposed by Genesis Energy, along with the reasons for such text.
- 2.5 The 'scheme' of the table is as follows:
- (a) Text from the One Plan as notified (black font).
 - (b) Text from the Genesis Energy submission (**green bold**).
 - (c) Text as recommended in the officers' report (**red bold** and underlined, with deletions in strikeout).
 - (d) 'Final text' as proposed by Genesis Energy to take into account the officers' report wording (**blue bold**)
- 2.6 Genesis Energy thanks the Hearing Committee for this opportunity to address the proposed Chapter Four provisions.
- 2.7 In conclusion, I reiterate the indication from our Counsel (in lodging this evidence with council) that while I do not intend to speak to my evidence at the hearing of Chapter 4, I am happy to attend the hearing to answer any questions of the Hearing Committee.