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LAKE WANAKA WATER LEVEL PRESERVATION

ANALYSIS

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of Lake Wanaka
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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to provide for the preservation of the water of Lake Wanaka within its natural range of shore levels

5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Lake Wanaka Water Level Preservation Act 1969.

10 **2. Preservation of natural water level of Lake Wanaka**—No person, persons, or Government, shall for the purpose of using the water of Lake Wanaka solely for the development of electricity, raise or lower the natural water levels of the said lake by damming, excavating, or by any other means.

15 (a) No person, persons, or Government shall by damming, excavating or by any other means interfere with the said lake's natural outflow into the Clutha River at its natural outlet.

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(b) No person, persons, or Government shall by damming or by any other means interfere with the flow of water into the Clutha River below the lake's natural outlet, in such a way as to lessen or increase the natural outflow into the said Clutha River.

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3. If water used for multiple purposes—If the water of Lake Wanaka is to be used for multiple purposes, such as any combination of electricity development, irrigation, industrial, social, recreational, down stream flood control, or for any other purposes beneficial on both a national and regional basis, then at no time must the water of the said lake be:

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(a) intentionally raised above the known mark of 912 feet above sea level during the months of December, January, February, March; or

(b) intentionally raised above the known mark of 914 feet above sea level during other months of the year except as hereinafter provided; or

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(c) intentionally lowered below the known mark of 907 feet above sea level at any time except in the case of emergency when it may be lowered to but not below the known mark of 905 feet above sea level:

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Provided that, in any emergency such as flood danger to life and property down stream, authority be permitted to further hold back the water above those levels as provided for in paragraph (a) of this section.

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4. Safeguards—No water licence shall be granted by the Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Council for the use of water from Lake Wanaka unless its intended use comes within the intentions and spirit of this Act.

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