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Submission

Subject: Motikini Hydro Proposal - A copy of Transit's

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Yours sincerely

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 372 1806, in the first instance.  
Please find attached a copy of Transit New Zealand's submission on the above application. A copy of this submission has been forwarded to the applicant.

**Mokihinui Hydro Proposal: Proposed Land use Consent: Mokihinui-Seddonville Road: State Highway 67**

Dear Helen

Attention: Helen Montgomery

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Buller District Council

23 April 2008

Please quote our reference: **TF/12/67/2/63 (2008/61)**  
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Application Reference: -

RC07150/16 - Land use consent to undertake earthworks and vegetation clearance to upgrade, use and maintain the existing Mokihinui - Seddonville Road and bridges from the intersection with State Highway 67 to the construction site, erect new bridge at Burkes Ck; and to construct, use and maintain 33kV power poles and lines; and associated infrastructure.

1. Transit New Zealand opposes in part of the notified application of the West Coast Regional Council. In particular parts of the application subject to Transit's submission are:

- The intersection standard resulting from increased traffic generation onto SH 67; and

2. The reasons for Transit's submission is:

2.1 Transit is the controlling authority for the nation's State Highways. It manages a significant State Highway network in the West Coast region. It has a statutory responsibility to operate the State Highway system in a way that contributes to an integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport.

2.2 The Buller District Plan recognises State Highway 67 (SH 67) as a transport route of national importance. It is an important link for the transportation of people and goods north of Westport. It operates primarily as a through route and as a local road as there is no supporting network.

### State Highway Intersection

2.3 Access to the dam site for construction and post commissioning is proposed to be via Mokihinui - Seddonville Road, which intersects with State Highway 67.

- 4. Transit wishes to be heard in respect of this submission.
- 3.1 Transit New Zealand prior to carrying any works on the State Highway as follows:
  - (1) That the intersection be upgraded to Transit's Rural Intersection standard (see attached diagram); and
  - (2) That a note be attached to the consent asking the applicant to contact Transit New Zealand prior to carrying any works on the State Highway as follows:
    - 2.4 Transits concern is that the Mokihunui - Seddonville Road/ SH 67 intersection is not formed to an appropriate standard and visibility from the north of the intersection is less than the 194m required as a minimum for an operating speed of 90km/hr.
    - 2.5 It is proposed to upgrade the intersection as part of the proposal to mitigate potential adverse traffic effects. However, it will have to be upgraded to an appropriate standard to adequately mitigate traffic effects to/from the site.
    - 2.6 Therefore, Transit will require the intersection to be upgraded to Transit's Rural Intersection Standard and a flag light be installed, as traffic will be using the intersection after dark.
    - 2.7 Transit commends the use of a Traffic Management Plan prepared in accordance with Transit's Code of Practice to manage construction traffic
    - 3. Transit seeks the following decision from the Buller District Council
      - 3.1 That if resource consent is granted, the following condition be added to the consent requiring the upgrade of the Mokihunui - Seddonville Road/State Highway 67 intersection:

"Approval is required from Transit New Zealand to work on the road pursuant to section 51 of the Transit New Zealand Act 1989".

Transit New Zealand consultants, Opus International Consultants Ltd, Christchurch, can be contacted on (03) 363 5521 at least three weeks prior to any work being started so that the appropriate intersection specifications and construction standards can be provided".

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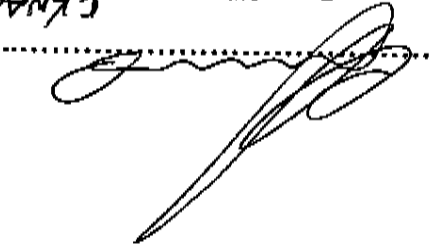
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Address for service of person making submission:

28/04/2008  
Date

Signature of person making  
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to sign on behalf of person  
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