

**SUBMISSION ON A RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION
SECTIONS 93(2) & 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**



To: Buller District Council
C/- West Coast Regional Council
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Copy to: Hydro Developments Limited
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APPLICANT: HYDRO DEVELOPMENTS LTD

Closing date for submissions is 5pm on Friday 30 January 2009

Submitter Details

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- I/we support the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form (tick one)
- I/we oppose the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form
- I/we neither support nor oppose the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form

My/our submission is that: _____
(state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose

_____ the specific proposal, or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons)

There are shortcomings in this application

that need to be addressed.

I/we seek the following decision from the Local Authority: _____
(give precise details)

See attached submission.

N-B. We do not limit our

concerns to these 4 points.

Use the tick boxes to indicate the resource consent application(s) your submission concerns. Write a clear tick in the appropriate box(es).

I/we make my/our submission concerning all the consent applications listed below
My/our submission only concerns the consent applications ticked below

I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission.

I/we DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

Pete Laob

(signature(s) of person making submission)

(Date)

27/1/09

(If this is a joint submission by 2 or more individuals, each individual's signature is required)

I/we have served a copy of my/our submission on Hydro Developments Ltd as per Section 96(4) of the RMA

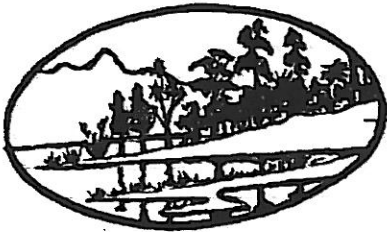
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Consent list

RC08/131A Stockton Plateau - Project infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	RC08/131E Realignment of Stockton haul road	<input type="checkbox"/>
RC08/131B Granity Construction site	<input type="checkbox"/>	RC08/131F Transmission spur lines, telecommunication cables and switch yards	<input type="checkbox"/>
RC08/131C Tunnelling	<input type="checkbox"/>	RC08/131G Disturb a historic coal tramway	<input type="checkbox"/>
RC08/131D Hazardous substance storage	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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CONSERVATION GROUP
INCORPORATED

Submission on HDL proposal

Our group is sympathetic toward small scale hydros that minimise damage to the environment and cause limited social disruption. We are also supportive of schemes that reduce transmission losses and have the potential for lowering power prices to local consumers. However in the case of this application we have taken the position of neither supporting nor opposing since we do have some concerns as follows.

- 1. Destruction of ecosystems:** A significant area of coal plateau ecosystems will be flooded or otherwise destroyed by roads, dam walls, tunneling, etc. While we applaud the applicant's offer to protect a coastal rainforest we'd also like to see a pest and weed control program in the vicinity of the project.
- 2. Pollution of the sea:** We are opposed to polluted water being discharged to the ocean. Water should be cleaned of Acid Mine Drainage and sediment before it enters the tunnels to the power stations. It would be even better for water to be cleaned to the standard of natural creeks of the coal plateau (eg Upper St Pats Str) before it enters the reservoirs.
- 3. Clean Streams.** We would like to see clean streams like Upper St Pats and Weka Ck, now rare on the coal plateau, excluded from the project and allowed to follow their natural course to the Ngakawau River and the sea.
- 4. Public Access:** It is most important that public access provided by the current Stockton to Tin Town (Darlington) Track remains open at all times. The Weka Reservoir and the proposed re-alignment of the haulroad to Stockton Mine will destroy the last few hundred meters of this important access track which serves the Repo Basin, Ngakawau Ecological Area, Blackburn Pakihi, and Happy Valley. The track will need to be re-routed and a new haulroad crossing provided.

Pete Lusk

27 Jan 2009