

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

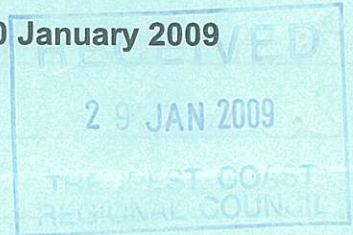


To: Buller District Council
C/- West Coast Regional Council
PO Box 66
Greymouth 7840

Copy to: Hydro Developments Limited
PO Box 204
Westport 7866

APPLICANT: HYDRO DEVELOPMENTS LTD

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



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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)

I oppose Hydro Developments resource consent application - see attached

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

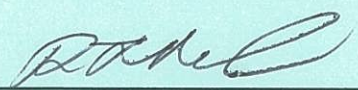
Resource consents applications relating to the
Granity township & immediate area are not
allowed.

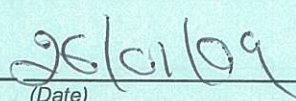
This is a Money Making exercise causing
destruction to a beautiful piece of New
Zealand.

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
Myour 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.

 _____
(signature(s) of person making submission)

 _____
(Date)

(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
yes

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RC08/131F Transmission spur lines, telecommunication cables and switch yards	<input type="checkbox"/>
RC08/131C Tunnelling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RC08/131G Disturb a historic coal tramway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RC08/131D Hazardous substance storage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

26th January 2009

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Buller District Council
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RE: SUBMISSION ON A RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION BY HYDRO DEVELOPMENTS LTD – STOCKTON PLATEAU HYDRO SCHEME

As a landowner at 91 Torea Street, Granity since 2008 I am not impressed to suddenly learn about this scheme in my community & region.

The following points are the areas in particular I oppose:

Visual Pollution: Removal of native bush, excessive lighting, new proposed access road, scaring on landscape, construction site, vehicle movements/construction equipment

Noise Pollution: Vehicle/construction equipment, loading & unloading of trucks, 24/7 operation, blasting, drilling, construction noise

Storage of hazardous goods: security measures, access, quantity

24/7 Operation: drilling 24/7, blasting 24/7, and lighting on landscape, people & vehicle noise, loader & truck movements

Vehicle Movements

- Underestimation of vehicle movements. Not taking into consideration engineers, consultants, council, family, investor visits etc

- Granity Primary School – safety of local children entering & exiting the school
- No estimation recorded of movements between portal & construction site.
Which will involve numerous movements of machinery and materials
- Increased movements directly opposite my property on a 24/7 basis

Potential damage to buildings

- Potential damage to museum, library & memorial sites
 - Lyric Theatre due to construction
 - Tunneling activity

Millerton Incline: damage to a historically significant area

Micro tunnel & outflow: water quality flowing into sea, effects on marine life, vibration & liquefaction effects to surrounding buildings

Conclusion

My family has future plans to build our dream idyllic beachfront home on this site. A future destination so our children can benefit from a little piece of untouched New Zealand. I want this area to remain untouched. More importantly my concerns of the longevity of this scheme to a quiet settled happy community & the proposed tunneling & outflow channeling implications to our building/land is at risk.

What is the future of Granity for the next 5-10years? It has the potential to become an unappealing tourist destination for the free spirited holidaymaker who likes to stop in quaint little New Zealand towns for a coffee, dinner, lunch, beach walks, and historical exploration or to stay for a few nights. How unappealing as heavy loaders trucks & transporters pass by the townships roadside café/pub doors, whilst blasting, excessive light & drilling operating 24/7 creating noise & pollution is carry out. Who would want to visit? As for the existing residents what an undesirable place it's about to become. The community doesn't need this on their doorstep.

I question how this scheme by Hydro Developments Ltd is going to benefit the community in Granity.

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