

**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

Submitter Details

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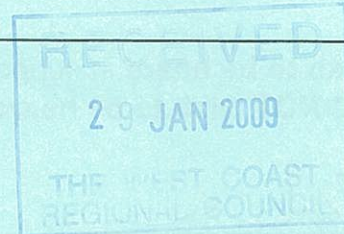
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- I/we **support** the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form (tick one)
- I/we **oppose** the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form
- I/we **neither support nor oppose** the application numbers ticketed on the back of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

My/our submission is that: I oppose hydrodevelopments
(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)
RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATIONS AS DETAILED IN
my ATTACHED MATERIAL.

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

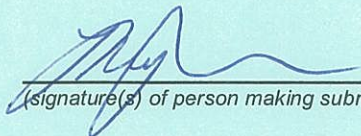
THAT ANY WORKS WITHIN THE GRANITY AREA BE
 DECLINED DUE TO MAJOR DISRUPTION AND IMPACT
 THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL CAUSE.

THIS INCLUDES THE GRANITY PORTAL (PUMP STATION), GRANITY TUNNEL
 & OUTFLOW PIPELINE & CONSTRUCTION AREAS.

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.


 (signature(s) of person making submission)

26/01/2009
 (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RC08/131C Tunnelling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RC08/131G Disturb a historic coal tramway	<input type="checkbox"/>
RC08/131D Hazardous substance storage	<input type="checkbox"/>		

26th January 2009

West Coast Regional Council &
Buller District Council
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cc Hydro Developments Ltd
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RE: SUBMISSION ON A RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION BY HYDRO DEVELOPMENTS LTD – STOCKTON PLATEAU HYDRO SCHEME

As a property owner at 91 Torea Street, Granity my property is directly opposite the proposed portal/power station and construction area. Also it runs very close to the proposed outflow tunnel. The reasons I purchased property in Granity were for its untouched and beautiful surroundings along with a quaint little peaceful community.

I oppose the application for resource consents from Hydro Developments Ltd covering the following points:

Visual Pollution

- Removal of native bush
- 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

24/7 Operation

- Drilling 24/7
- Blasting 24/7
- Lighting on landscape
- People & vehicle noise
- Loader & truck movements

Vehicle Movements

- Underestimation of vehicle movements. Not taking into consideration engineers, consultants, council, family, investors visits etc
- 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
- Damage especially to Lyric Theatre from vibration & liquefaction could potentially deem building unsafe. This building may not be the most historically significant building but is a lifeblood to the community and is popular with children as movies are shown on a regular basis
- I have future plans of building on my site, a dream home designed by award winning architects. This building will be architecturally significant for its design, size &

choice of local materials to complement that natural landscape. I am concerned by the close proximity of micro tunneling within a short distance to my building. As with the same concerns I raised with the Lyric Theatre potentially I see structural damage to my new building.

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

Hydro Developments Ltd is not focusing on any benefits to the community. All I can see are negatives for a small community. Granity residents have been receiving electricity for years and will continue to be supplied with electricity in the future without the Hydro Developments Ltd scheme.

If Hydro Developments Ltd scheme goes ahead the community & region will have 5 extensive to a possible 10 years of heavy construction/blasting/drilling and damage to the natural landscape of one of New Zealand's best kept secrets. 5 – 10 years is a significant timeframe in anyone's life. The loss of quality of life to local residents & holidaymakers should not be taken lightly and potential damage to significant historical buildings that are the heart of the community should not be allowed.

A snapshot of the local Granity people that reside there have chosen to live there because of its peace, tranquility and natural landscape. Not noise & visual pollution with a 24/7 construction operation.

My family is planning to build their dream home and send daughters to Granity Primary School. I am worried about my children & the local children's safety with increased heavy vehicle movements directly opposite the school & my property created by this

proposal in Granity & region. And also damage to my new property due to the outfall tunnel vibrations/liquefaction on an architecturally significant building.

Granity does not need this.

Terence McLaughlin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terence McLaughlin', with a small exclamation mark to its right.