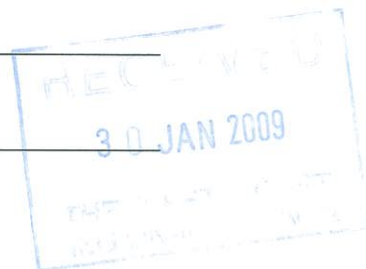


SUBMISSION ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT UNDER SECTION 96 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

To: The West Coast Regional Council

Name Of Submitter: DAVE RITCHIE
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[Full Postal Address]



Application Number: RC08/149

1. **I support the application by Hydro Developments** for land use consents, coastal permits, water permits and discharge permits related to the construction, operation and maintenance of a proposed hydro scheme on the Stockton Plateau.
2. **The particular parts of the application I support are:**
All of the consents sought in the application.
3. **The reasons for making my submission are:**
 - The construction period for the hydro project is expected to last four to five years and will provide employment and economic benefit to the Buller District and West Coast Region.
 - The hydro proposal will significantly increase the West Coast region's electricity generation capacity
 - The hydro proposal will support the continued growth of industries and businesses within the Buller District and beyond
 - The power will be embedded into the local transmission network thereby minimising transmission losses and reducing reliance on remote power generation.
 - Significant improvements to water quality in the Ngakawau River is expected as a result of the Hydro Scheme intercepting tributaries affected by acid mine drainage.
4. **I wish the consent authority to make the following decision:**
Grant all resource consents as applied for.
5. **I do wish to be heard in support of my submission.**

~~I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.~~
[Delete one]

Signature

29/1/09

Date

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NOTE: A copy of your submission must be served on the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after service of your submission on the consent authority, address as follows:

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