

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



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APPLICANT: HYDRO DEVELOPMENTS LTD
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Closing date for submissions is 5pm on Friday 30 January 2009

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I **support** the application numbers ticketed on the back of this form

X

My submission is that: This application allows the possibility of a large electricity generating opportunity on the West Coast with minimal environmental effects and consent should be granted.

In my view, this is exactly the type of hydro scheme which should be encouraged. It is using water which is currently contaminated and is discharging it to sea where it is least likely to create negative effects and most likely to be diluted relatively harmlessly, although this will need to be monitored. It also has the potential to be an ongoing sustainable solution to the acid mine drainage from the century of mining on the plateau.

I am impressed by the integrity and professionalism of the applicant's team. It is also apparent that there are strong West Coast ties in this operation. This is not simply a parochial feel-good ingredient. It is significant because there is a history and a sympathy for the West Coast people and their environment. The team has a history of being good employers and of contributing to the local community. For these reasons I am confident that second best options will not be good enough from many aspects; safety, the environment, and the welfare of the staff. It appears also that local funding options will also be pursued and so profits have the potential to return to the West Coast.

I believe it is also significant that the power generated from this proposal is intended to be used locally in the first instance. In my view this is precisely what successive governments should be seeking to achieve. 'Small is beautiful' is generally an appropriate expression in regards to power

generation, in terms of minimising effects and transmission losses. In this instance it happens to be at least 'medium' if not 'large' yet the effects are similar to that of a small scheme.

I seek the following decision from the Local Authority:

All consents for this application should be granted. Conditions will need to be imposed to satisfy the commissioners that the effects of the outfall into the ocean are minimised.

The effects of the inundation of the plateau from two reservoirs will also need to be evaluated and minimised. This could partly be offset by removal of the surface material which could be transplanted to useful effect on other parts of the plateau, and by mitigation elsewhere (predator control, exchange of land are just two possibilities).

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

I make my submission concerning **all** the consent applications listed below X

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

(signature(s) of person making submission) *(Date)*

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

yes **X**

Consent list

RC08149/1 – RC08149/8 Coastal permits	<input type="radio"/>	RC08149/9 – RC08149/13 Land Use Consents for earthworks and vegetation removal	<input type="radio"/>
RC08149/14 – RC08149/20 Land Use Consents to disturb river and stream beds	<input type="radio"/>	RC08149/21 – RC08149/32 Water Permits to take, use, dam and divert water	<input type="radio"/>
RC08149/33 – RC08149/38 Discharge to water permits	<input type="radio"/>	RC08149/39 – RC08149/41 Discharge to land permits	<input type="radio"/>
RC08149/42 Discharge to air permit	<input type="radio"/>		