

**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: John Currie
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APPLICATION NUMBER: RC08/149

1. **I support the application by Hydro Developments Ltd** 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 4-5 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 Regions electricity generation and 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]
6. *Page attached.*

Signature *J. Currie*

Date 30-01-2009

SUBMITTER CONTACT DETAILS

Address for Service: _____

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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:

Hydro Developments
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Vastly improved water quality in the Ngakawau River because of the diversion of the acidic waters in its tributaries to the hydro scheme.

Electricity produced to be used in the Buller District saving the line loss that is currently experienced by bringing electricity to the Buller District. (current predictions being that approximately 50% of power to the WestCoast is wasted in line loss).

Because of local use of the electricity there would be significant reduction in line loss (wasted electricity) which would also mean significant reduction in greenhouse gases.

No noise pollution as the turbines are underground.

The environment in this area is currently suffering. The significant improvements to the environment demonstrated in this application can only be realised if the hydro scheme is built.